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PREFACE

Wenham, a town in Essex County, Massachusetts, is rich in historical background. Many of its people have co-operated in collating the records of the Town for easier use. In 1930 The Wenham Historical Society published the early Town Records covering the years 1642-1706. The second volume covering the years 1707-1731 was published by the Society in 1938. In 1940 a Supplement covering the early years of the so called "Swamp Book" for the years 1687-1706 was published. In the same year with the assistance of Roscoe B. Batchelder, Town Clerk, the Society published another volume of Town Records covering the years 1730-1775. Other publications of the Society were the "Notes on Wenham History, 1643-1943" compiled by the late Adeline P. Cole in 1943, the "Notes on the Collection of Dolls and Figurines at the Wenham Museum" published in 1951, and "Wenham in World War II" published in 1947.

At the Annual Town Meeting in 1954 Charles W. Davis, (Selectman 1950-59) submitted an article calling for the Town to resume publication of the Town Records. The sum of $1000 was appropriated which was augmented by appropriations of $500 in each of the next two Annual Meetings. The difficult work of copying the old hand writing into legible form for the printer was done by Louis A. Dodge, a former Selectman and Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Board for approximately a quarter of a century. He was ably assisted by Clara L. (Mrs. Robert C.) Jones, our present Town Clerk, and W. Arthur Trowt, Selectman since 1945 and a Town Official whose service to the community goes back more than fifty years. With the publication of the Town Records down to 1810 we approach not only the very legible script of Town Clerk Wellington Pool but also the beginning of regular printed town records. We trust that the townspeople will find this publication useful and interesting. We thank all who co-operated in making it possible.

W. Arthur Trowt, Chairman
Delano M. Kennard
Samuel S. Conary
Selectmen of Wenham

October, 1959

Section of Records, Town of Wenham, which follow those as printed by the Wenham Historical Society beginning March, 1776 and ending April, 1796 which is the end of the Town Record Book #3.

In no way has the sense or meaning of the Records been altered or changed.

Louis A. Dodge

March meeting
1776.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, Duely Warned and Reguarley assembled at our Meeting on Tuesday the Fifth Day of March Anno Domini 1776 for the Election of Town Officers & other business as by Warrant on file may Fully appear, Ensn. Jahn Friend Being Chosen Moderator for sd meeting

The following Persons Were Chosen viz

Joshua Orne
Mr Josiah Ober
Mr Edward Waldron
} Sworn as Assessors & Selectmen

Sworn

Joshua Orne Town Clerk

Sworn.

Ensn John Friend Town Treasurer

Capt. Jacob Dodge
Capt Thomas Kimball
} Sworn Constable Sworn.

Ensn John Friend
Doctr Tylor Porter
Beneamen Edwards
} Surveyors of Sworn high ways.

Josiah Swett
Peletiah Brown
Josiah Herrick
Peter Dodge
Frances Porter
} Surveyors of Sworn fencesy. Tithing men Sworn.

Leut Richard Dodge
Daniel Herrick
Peletiah Brown
Ephram Kimball
} Hog Reeves. Sworn to their Trust.

Thomas Fisk } Deer Reeves.
Josiah Sweet. }
William Webber } all Sworn
William Cleaves } Haywards.
Ebenezer Kimball }
Mr Josiah Ober. Sealer of Leather Sworn
Sworn
Amos Batchelder Sealer of waits & measures
Daniel Killam, Jr. } Corders
Stephen Dodge } of
John Friend } Wood.
Josiah Swett } Sworn
Isaac Porter } Wardens.
Sworn

Voted to Dismess the 3d article in the warrant

Voted to Continue a Grammar School another year after the Expiration of this

Voted to mak choice of a County Reigstor

Voted to Chuse a School Committe
Tylor Porter, John friend, Josiah Swett.

Then the moderator Declared the meeting Dissolved
The Transactions of this meeting is Truly Recorded By me

Joshua Orne Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Regularly assembled the thirteinth Day of March 1776. Ensn. John Friend being Chosen moderator for Sd meeting in order to take into Consideration the Request of the Counsel & house of Representives respecting Chusing a Committee of Safety. Accordingly Voted to Chuse Five.
March 13th Committee of Safty

Ensn John Friend } then the Moderator
Doctr Tylor Porter } Declaired the meeting
Stephen Dodge } Dissolved
Caleb Kimball } attist Joshua Orne T. Clerk
Capt. Jacob Dodge }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March ye 25 1776, then agreed with Ebenezer Kimball to be Pound

Keeper for one year he keeping the Directinong of the Law
Ebenezer Kimball — Josiah Ober, Joshua Orne, Edwd Waldron } Selectmen of Wenham

An account with Samuel Brown to Keep Esther Boatman
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham this Eighth Day of April 1776 then agreed with Samuel Brown of Sd Wenham to Keep Esther Boatman for the Space of one year from the above Date For the Sume of Six Pounds Eight Shill. Dureing which Term the Sd. Brown is to find the Said Esther Boatman Sufficent meet Drink Washing & Lodging and to make her Clothing good as they were when appraised To him, the Town to pay for Doctor & Nirsing in Case of Sickness & In Witness whereunto we have hereunto Set our hand the day & date above. — Samuel Brown.

£6-8-0
Joshua Orne, Edward Waldron } Selectmen of Wenham

The Above agrement is Truly recordid
Attest Joshua Orne
Town Clerk.

Inventory of the Household Furniture Belonging to Esther Boatman one of the poor of this town taken by the Selectmen April ye 10th 1776

one Featherbed 40/ under Ditto 2/ one Bolster 3/	£. 2- 5- 0
two pair of Sheats 8/ two Tabel Cloaths 2/ and three Shifts 5/	0-15- 0
two Bibels 1/6 one beadstead & Cord 4/ two Chests 6/ one pr Blankets 5/4	0-16-10
2 Coverleads 12/ Seven yards of Linning Cloath 11/4	1- 3- 4
4 Caps & a Silk handkerchief 6/ two black hoods & two pair mits 3/	0- 9- 0
one Striped Calminio gown 8/ one yellow Quilted Peticoat 6/ one old Ditto	0-16- 0
one Callico Quilted peticoat 6/ one under Ditto 1/ one Bonet 1/	1
one pr of Stays 1/8	0-10- 8
one Rideing hood 8/ one Chenne gound 6/ one	

stripped ditto 5/ one cape Ditto 5/	1- 4- 0
one old gown & Cloak 3/ Seven pair of stockings 2/ one pair of shows 1/6	- 6- 6
one Low chair 1/ one Linning wheal 2/ one Silver spoon (E.B).	- 9-
one goald Necklace of Ninety beeds	2- 8- 0
Barnards Saint Victory 3/ Reesis Tretis 2/ Kidder on Sacrement 1/	0- 6- 0
Mathews gospel Truths /8 Coopers Cotton & Appletons Sermons 1/ Webb & Morgan Sermon 1/6	0- 2- 2
3 towels 1/ two Check handkerchief /8	0- 1- 8
Added.	£11-11- 6

Esther Boatmans Inventory Continued
April 10th 1777.

Added to ye above three aprons 1 pair of ? shoes & 1 heal	0-11- 4
	13
	12-15-10

The above Inventory was approved to Samuel Brown.
by the Selectmen for £11-2-6
this Inventory is truly recorded by me Joshua Orne
Town Clerk.

Dec ? the wife of Mr. Andrews Delivered to Mr Samuel Brown for Esther Boatman one New cotton linen Shift to the value of 10/and 1 Vescot 3/ — 0 13-0.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, Duly warned & assembled on the 23th Day of April 1776 Ensn John Friend was Chosen moderator for sd meeting.

Voted that Doctr Tyler Porter be a Deligate to meet the Convention at Ipswich.

Then the moderator Declared the meeting Dissolved.

Attest Joshua Orne
Town Clerk.

May meeting 1776

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham

Duely Warned & Regulaly Assembled this 22 Secnd Day of May 1776, In order to Elect a Representative & other Business as pr warrant May more fully apear the vote was tried three times Whether the Town would Send a Person to. Represent them at the General Court the Present year & it was Passed in the Negative.

Voted that Josiah Fairfield Esq be Moderator to finish the other business of the sd meeting

Voted To give the second article in the warrant to the Selectmen to act upon.

Voted To Dismiss the third article in the Warrant. then the Moderator Declaired the meeting Disolved.

At true Entry attest
Joshua Orne Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham May 22. 1776 then Examined & Inspected the Town Stock of Ammunition & we found one Barrel of Powder and part of another containing 57 lbs and 306 pound wait of Musket Balls Cartridges maid 235 in Number Flints 564 in Number.

Attest Joshua Orne
Edw. Waldron } one of Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 26. 1777 then Examined & Inspected the Town Stock of amunition & Found it as represented in the above Attest

Josiah Ober
Joshua Orne } Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town Reguarly assembled this 20th Day of July 1776 Voted Mr Benja Fairfield Moderator for sd Meeting—

Voted Not to act anything upon this Warrant

Attest Josa Orne
Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Assembled this 15th Day of October 1776

Voted Ensn. John Moderator for sd meeting

Vtoed To adjourn Sd meeting to Thursday ye 24th Day of this month at 3 o Clock in after noon

Attest Jos.a Orne Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Held by Adjournment Oct 24th 1776 Ensn John Friend moderator

Voted to Raise one hundred and forty pounds for the use of the Town, £140.

2ly Voted to dismiss the Second Article in the warrant.

3ly Voted to Chuse a Commitee of three men to Dispose of a Strip of land to Capt Jacob Dodge Comm: Dea. Tarbox; Ensign Thomas Brown Pellitiah Brown

4ly Voted to Chuse a Commitee of 5 men to look after the Donation money that was contributed in this Town for People in Boston Committee thru Selectmen Dea Tarbox and Ensn Thomas Brown

Then the moderator Declaired the meeting Dissolved

Attest Joshua Orne
Town Clerk.

an agreement with Mr Nath Bragg & Selectmen to keep ye Widow Sarar Batchelder

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Nov 11 1776.

Then Agread with Mr. Nath. Bragg to Keep the widow Sarah Batchelder for the Space of one year to Come for the Sum of Seven pounds. Six Shillings & eight pense. the on half to be paid in Six months the other half to be paid at the Expiration of Sd term and the Sd Nathaniel Bragg Promises to find the Sd Widow Batchelder sufficent meat Drink Washing & Lodging and to make her Clothing good as when appraised to him. the Town to pay the charge of Doctors & nursing in case of sickness

As Witness
his
Nathaniel Bragg
X
Mark

Josiah Ober
Josa Orne
Edw Waldron
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Duly Warned & Regulary assembled this 9th Day of Decm 1776 Dea Samuel Tarbox was chosen moderator for sd meeting

1ly. Voted a Bounty for Eatch Soldier who shall inlist into the Servis to be paid out of the Town Treasury for the futer

2ly Voted to Chuse a committee of three men to Estimate what has Done By each man since the present war Began

Voted that Ensn John Friend Doctr Tyler Porter & Edward Waldron be that Committee.

3ly Voted to go back no further than the Concord fite

Voted that ye Comittee make report at the adjournment of this meeting in their Estimation what each man has Done

4ly Voted to Raise the sum of six pounds as a Bounty for Each Solder
three months.

5ly Voted to Receive the Report of the Donation Commet then the Moderator Adjourned the meeting to ye 23d Day of this Instant Decm.

Attest Joshua Orne Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town of Wenham Held by adjournment to the 23d Day of Decm 1776 Dea Sam Tarbox Moderator.

Voted to accept the List laid Before the Town By the Committee Chosen to Estimate what Each man has Done in the war since the nineteenth of April 1775.

Report of the Comee

A list of Services Done & Money Paid by the Inhabitants of Wenham since the 19th of April 1775 estimated at Ten Pounds for 12 months Service

	Months	Week	£	S	D
Josiah Herrick is allowed	9		7	10	0
Isaac Giddings	—	—	—	—	—
Issac Giddings Jr	9	—	7	10	0
Zacheus Giddings	—	—	—	—	—
Lt. Cornelius Baker	7		5	16	0
Mr Titcomb	—	—	—	—	—
Moses Titcomb	—	—	—	—	—
Asa Porter	17		10	—	—

	Months	Week	£	S	D
Josiah Fairfeild Esq[r]	—		—	—	—
Capt. Mathew Fairfeild	12		10	0	—
David Harris	8		6	14	
Francies Porter	4		3	4	8
Nath[el] Gott	8		6	14	
Dea Samuel Tarbox					16
Samuel Raymond	8		6	14	
Benj[a] Fairfield	—	—	—	—	—
Joseph Fairfield	—	—	—	—	—
Thomas Fisk	—	—	—	—	—
John Friend Jr	9		7	10	
Bartholome Dodge	9		7	10	
Isreal Andrews Dodge		6	1	4	
Moses Brown	3		2	10	
Josiah Ober	0		0	0	
Samuel Ober	8		6	14	
Jonathan Fisk		6	1	4	
William Webber		6	1	4	
Jonathan Moulton		6	1	4	
Capt Thomas Kimball		6	1	4	
Thomas Kimball Jr	—	—	—	—	—
Ebenezer Batchelder	—	—	—	—	—
Ebenezer Batchelder Jr		6	1	4	
John Batchelder	—	—	—	—	—
Josiah Ober Jr	6	0	5	0	
Samuel Kimball		6	1	4	
John Hooker	—	—	—	—	—
James Dodge	—	—	—	—	—
Simon Dodge	—	—	—	—	—
Asa Kimball	8		6	14	
Ephriam Kimball	6		5	0	
Lt James Kimball	7		5	16	
Caleb Kimball	4	2	3	15	
Ens[n] John Friend		6	1	14	
Richard Friend	—	—	—	—	—
Jonathan Goodhue	—	—	—	—	—
Amos Batchelder	9		7	10	
Isreal Batchelder	16		13	6	8
John Dodge	2	3	2	6	8

	Months	Week	£	S	D
John Dodge ye[3]	1			18	
Lent Sam[el] Porter	—	—	—	—	—
Isaac Porter		6	1	4	
Ebenezer Porter Jr	12		10	—	
Nathaniel Porter	8		6	14	
Jonathan Low	8		6	14	
Ebenezer Porter	—	—	—	—	—
Josiah Batchelder	—	—	—	—	—
Joseph Batchelder	12		10	0	
Josiah Batchelder Jr	12		10	0	
John Rogers	—	—	—	—	—
Daniel Rogers	16		13	6	8
Doctr Tyler Porter	9		7	10	
Daniel Herrick	3	2	3	0	
Nathaniel Brown Esq	0	0	0	0	0
Ebenezer Kimball	4		3	6	8
Nathan[el] Ober	8		6	14	0
John Perkins	—	—	—	—	—
John Perkins	9		7	10	0
Thomas Perkins	2		1	13	4
Edward Perkins	—	—	—	—	—
Samuel Brown	8		6	14	0
Wm Gallop	—	—	—	—	—
Pelteah Brown	—	—	—	—	—
Daniel Killam Jr	7	2	5	3	2
John Killam		6	1	4	0
Lt Richard Dodge	—	—	—	—	—
Simon Dodge	16		13	6	8
Ncholas Dodge	2		1	10	0
Skipper Dodge	6		5	0	0
Josiah Dodge	—	—	—	—	—
Joshua Orne	—	—	—	—	—
Isreal Dodge	—	—	—	—	—
Isreal Dodge Jr	12		10	—	—
Benj Dodge	9		7	10	0
James Poland	12		10		
Benj Edwards	9		7	10	
Abraham Edwards	8		6	14	
Benj. Edwards	—	—	—	—	—

	Months	Week	£	S	D
Capt Jacob Dodge	2	2	2	8	0
Wm Dodge	9		7	10	0
Ely Meservy	2	2	2	8	0
Aaron Lee		6	1	4	0
Benj Haggit	0	0	0	0	0
Abner Haggit	9		7	10	0
Edward Waldron	—	—	—	—	—
Edward Waldron Jr	6	3	5	12	0
Nathan Brown	6		5	0	0
Tho. Knowlton	12		10	0	0
Abraham Wyett Jr	8		6	14	0
Samuel Webber	12		10	0	0
Amos Lefavour	8		6	14	
Nathaniel Greenwood	—	—	—	—	—
Capt Billy Porter	12		10	0	0
Nathaniel Bragg	—	—	—	—	—
Daniel Killam	—	—	—	—	—
Jonathan Killam	1		0	16	0
Andrew Cole	13	2	11	4	0
Asa Cole	—	—	—	—	—
John Killard	12		10	0	0
Ensn Tho. Brown	2		1	10	0
James Brown	3		2	10	0
Abraham Brown	12		10	0	0
Peter Dodge allowed expenses for fitting his boy	4		3	6	8
Abel Dodge		6	1	4	0
Sam[ll] Quarles	3		2	10	0
Stephen Dodge (?)	3		2	10	
Amos Dodge	5		3	4	0
Nathaniel Poland	12		10	0	0
Abraham Knowlton	12		10	0	0
Amos Knowlton	12		10	0	0
William Cleaves	—	—	—	—	—
William Cleaves Jr	11		9	4	0
Abraham Weyett	—	—	—	—	—
Capt Joseph Knowlton 3 boys			15	0	0
Capt Richard Dodge	12		10	0	0
Newel Davison	12		10	0	0

	Months	Week	£	S	D
Caleb Knowlton	12		10	0	0
John Giddings	6		5	0	0
Joseph Webber	12		10	0	0
Capt. John Dodge	12		10	0	0
Samuel Patches son Rubin	12		10	0	0
Isaac Patch		6	1	4	0
Andrew Allen		6	1	4	0
John Edwards	9	0		7	10
Joseph Fairfield	5	1	4	7	6

Dated at Wenham ye 23d. Day of this instant Dec 1776
& Signed by the Committee

John Friend } Com^ll
Dr Tyler Porter }

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 17th 1782. Then Examined & Reveived the Towns Stock of Amunition and found Seventy three pounds of powder with the Caps and the balls & flints as when Examined before besides the Cartridges

Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge
Tyler Porter

Taken up Damages present within the enclosure of the proprietor ship of Manchester woods so called and impounded in Wenham Town Pound a read mare with a white face & four white feet and appraised at the sum of thirty shillings reward from Tyler Porter Esq

John. Hite

Wenham may 29th 1795.

John Dodge Jr T. C.

The above requested by Israel Friend

At a meeting of the Subscribers a Comittee Chosen by the Town of Wenham at a Town Meeting held on the 24th Day of October to make inquiry after a Certain sum of money Lately Contributed by sd Town for the Releaf of the Poor Inhabitants of the Town of Boston and make report to the Town of their doings, do report as followeth (Viz)

Report of Donation Com.

That Doctr Tyler Porter hath Recd the sum of four pounds of Contributed money. one pound Eighteen Shillings & two Pence of Sd Sum has been expended in Conveying one

Roberts & his Family to Watertown in the year 1775. the Remaining sum of two pounds one Shilling & two pense the Sd Doct^{r} Informs was laid out by the Selectmens order for cotton & Linning Cloth for the Towns use but there being no occasion for it he the Doctr hath converted it to his own use and is ready to account with the Town for the Same.

Wenham Nov 21 1776

Samuel Tarbox
Josiah Ober
Thomas Brown } Committee
Edward Waldron
Jos^{a} Orne

A true Record of the origional
Exhibited by ye above named Committee

Attest Joshua Orne
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duly warned and Regulary assembled at our meeting house this 3^{d} Day of January 1777 for raising money as per warrant on file may more fully appear.

Dea Saml Tarbox was Chosen moderator for Sd meeting.

Voted. To adjourn the Busineis of this meeting to Next monday the sixth of this instant January at 2 of ye clock

Attest Joa. Orne T. Clerk

Adjournment.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham held by adjournment ye Sixth Day of January 1777. Dea Saml Tarbox moderator, it was first tried by a Vote to see if the Town would Raise any Sum of money or not & accordingly

1. Voted to Raise a sum.
2. Voted to Raise the Sum of £200 Pounds on poles & Estates to Enable the Treasurer to pay that Bounty yt was Voted to be given to Each Soldier that Should Engage three months; which was vote was obtained ye 9th Day of December 1776, then the moderator Declared the meeting Diseolved

A True Entry Attest Joshua Orne
Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham duely warned & assembled this 14th Day of February 1777. Dea Samuel Tarbox was chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
1ly. voted to raise a Sum of Money as a Bounty for each Soldier
2ly. Voted to give a Bounty of Fifteen Pounds to each Soldier who Should inlist into the present Campaign
3ly. Voted to give to those Soldiers that have been in the Continental Service the year past, that shall inlist into the present Campaign three Pounds in Addition to the Fifteen Pounds above mentioned
4ly. voted to raise the Sum of two Hundred fifty Pounds to be assessed on Poles & Estates in order to pay the Bounty now voted to be given to each Soldier also voted to impower Ensign John Friend to hire £250 to pay the Soldiers this Bounty now given.
5ly. Voted that the sum now raised be not assessed this year.
6ly voted that Capt Jacob Dodge pay 6s/8d that rope mentioned in the Warrant. then the Moderator Declaired the the Meeting Dissolved.

Attest Josa Orne Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 18th 1777.
Then agreed with Thomas Senter To be Saxton in this Town For the Ensuing year for the sum of Forty Shillings
Per Order of the Selectmen

Tyler Porter Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 27th 1777
Then Agreed with Josiah Ober Jr to Keep the Pound for the Ensuing year for the Lawful fee.

Tyler Porter Town Clerk.

In Congress July 4 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress Assembled.

When in the Course of human Events it becomes Necessary for one People to Dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another & To Assume among the Powers of the Earth, the Separate and equal Station to Which the Laws of Nature and Natures God entitles them,

a decent Respect To the Opinions of Mankind require that they should declair the Causes Which impel them to the Separation. We hold these truths to be selfevident that all men are Created Equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with Certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Persuit of Happiness: —That to Secure these Rights, Governments are Instituted among men; Deriving their Just Powers from the Consent of Ye Governed, that whereever any form of Government becomes Destructive of these Ends. it is the Right of the People to alter or to Abolish it & to Institute New Government, laying its Foundation on such Principals and Organizing its Powers in Such form as to them Shall seem most likely to Effect their Safety & Happiness. Prudence indeed will Dictate that Governments Long Established Should not be Changed for light and transient Causes and Accordingly all Experience hath Shewn that Mankind are more Disposed to suffer while evils are Sufferable, then to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are Accustomed but when a Long train of Abuses and unsurpations Pursuing invaribly the Same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off Such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government.
The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries & usurpations all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyrany over these States. To prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his governars to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance unless suspended in their operation till his assent Should be obtained: and when so suspended he has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them & formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual uncomfortable and distant from the despository of their public records and for the Sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people

He has refused for a long time after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the legislative powers, in capable of annihilation have returned to the people at large for their exercise: the State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without and convultions within

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States: for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encour age their migrations hither and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices & the Amount and Payment of their Salaries

He has erected a miltitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to the civil power

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledge by our laws: giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world.

For imposing taxes on us without our consent.

For depriving us, in many cases of the benefits of trial by jury.
For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses
For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province establishing therein an arbitary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these colonies
For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments:
For Suspending our own legislatures and declairing themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.
He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns and destroyed the lives of our people.
He has at this time, transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complite the works of death, desolation, and tyrany, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy, scarcely paralled in the most barbarous ages and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation
He has constrained our fellow citizens, taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country to become the executioners of their friends & bretheren or to fall them selves by their hands

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguisted destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people Nor have we been wanting in attentions of our British bretheren.
We have warned them, from time to time, of attempts by

their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice & magnanimity and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must therefore, acquiesce in the necessity which denounces our Separation and hold them as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We therefore the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do in the name and by authority of the good people of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declair, That these United Colonies are and of right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connexion between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved: and that as Free & Independent States, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do. And for the Support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Signed by order and behalf of the Congress.

John Hancock President

Attest Charles Thompson. Secretary

In Council July th 1776

Ordered that the Declaration of Independence be printed & a copy sent to the Ministers of each Parish of every Denomination, within this State and that they severally be requested to read the Same to their respective Congregations as soon as Divine Service is ended, in the afternoon on the first Lords Day after they Shall have received it.

And after Such publication thereoff to deliver the Sd Declaration to the Clerks of their several Towns or Districts.

who are hereby required to record the Same in their respective Town or District Books; there to remain as a Perpeptual Memorial there of.

R. Derby Jr President

A True copy attest

John Avery Dep. Secr'y.

The Above Declaration of Independance is Truly Recorded by me attest

Josh[a] Orne Town Clerk.

An Agreement with the Widw Martha Kimball to keep Esther Boatman

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham this 10th of April 1777.

Then agreed with the Widow Martha Kimball to keep Esther Boatman onr of the Poor of this Town for the Space of one year for The Sum of Six Pounds one Shilling During which term the sd. widow is to find the Sd Esther sufficient meat Drink washing & Lodging the Town to pay Doctors & Nursing in case of Sickness & the Said widow Kimball is to make her Cloathing good as when appraised to her in witness thereoff we have hereunto sett our Hands this Tenth Day of April 1777

Pr order of the Selectmen

Martha Kimball. — Tyler Porter T. Clerk

The foot of the Inventory
appraised to the Widow
is £12-16-6.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duly Warned & Regularly Assembled this 4th Day of March. 1777.

For the Election of Town Officers & other Business by Warrant. may now fully appear.

Josiah Fairfield Esq chosen Moderator. The following persons were chosen to Office Viz

Josiah Ober } Selectmen
Joshua Orne } & Sworn.
Dr Tyler Porter } Assessors

Dr Tyler Porter Town Clerk, & Sworn

Voted to Choose a Committee of Safety

Capt Richard Dodge Josiah Sweatt Josiah Fairfield Capt Thomas Kimball	Committee

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Capt. Jacob Dodge Capt. Thos. Kimball	Constables Sworn

Daniel Killam Jr Richard Friend	Tything men	Sworn.

Benj Fairfield Tyler Porter Samuel Quarles	Surveyars of Highways	Sworn.

Capt Jacob Dodge Moses Tittcomb Isaac Porter	Surveyor of Fences	Sworn.

John Friend Jr. Isrl. Andrew Dodge Josiah Swett Caleb Kimball	Sworn. Haywards.

Nathaniel Gott Jsrl. Andrews Dodge Joshua Orne	Hogriefs	Sworn

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Liet. Coneluis Baker Wm Cleaves	Deariefs	Sworn.

Sworn

Amos Batchelder Sealer of Wts. & measures

Josiah Ober Sealer of Leather

John Rogers Joshua Orne	Corders of wood. Sworn.

Nathaniel Greenwood. Clerk of the Market.

Voted to Continue a Gramma School for a year to come after this is ended

Voted To choose a Committee to make Provision for School and nessrs.

Lt Corneilus Baker } School
Dr Tyler Porter }
Joshua Orne } Committee

Josiah Sweatt Grand Juror for 1777

Then the Moderator Declaired the meeting Dissolved accordingly it was.

The Transactions of the above meeting is Truly Recorded by me

Tyler Porter Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham truly warned & regularly assembled this 13th of May 1777. For the Selecting of a Representative & other Business as per warrant may more fully appear

No Person being chosen to represent the Town for the ensuing year Benja Fairfield Chosen Moderator to finsh the other Business.

Deacon Saml Tarbox chosen a Committeman in the place of Daniel Killam Jr

Benj Fairfield chosen Surveyar in the place of Francis Porter.

The 4th Article committed to the Selectmen Respecting the Sale of strip of Land.

Then the Sd meeting was Dissolved

A true Entry

Attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

(?) True Act. in the Town of Wenham For the Prevention of Monopoly and Oppression.

At a meeting of the Selectmen & Committee of Safety in Wenham. (Massachusetts State) March 14th 1777

Whereas by an Act of the Grand & General of this State for Preventing monopoly & oppression it is amonst other things Enacted that the Selectmen and Committee of Safety &c in the Several Towns in this State Shall be and they are hereby Impowered and Directed to asses and Settle in their

respective Town what such articles and goods as are in Said Act & enumerated (Save such as are there in excepted) shall be Sold for in their respective Towns and also To Sett & establish the price of Such Goods not in said list enumerated as they shall think proper.

At a Meeting of the Select Men of the Town of Wenham March 12th 1778 then A Greed with Josiah Ober to keep the Pound for the Ensuing year for the Laful feas. Richard Dodge T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham March 12. 1778 Then agreed with Tyler Porter that his servant shall perform the office of a Saxon in this Town for the Space of one year. Excepting sweeping the Meeting House for the Sum of Six Pounds upon order of the Selectmen

Richard Dodge T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham April 10th 1780.

Then a Greed with Thom Webber to keep Esther Boatman one of the poor of this Town for the space of one year fron the above date for the Sum of ..... during which time the Sd Thom. Webber is to find Sd Esther with sutable meet Drink Washing & Lodgin, the Town to pay Docting & Nursin in case of sickness and the Sd Webber is to make her clothin as good as it was when he the Sd Webber recd her in witness Wear of we have hear unto Set to our hands this tenth Day of April 1779

Richard Dodge T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Nov 12th 1779. then A Greed With Nathll Bragg to keep Sarah Batchelder one of the poor of Sd Town for the space of one year from the date above for the Sum of three hundred and fifty pounds to be paid quartily during which time the Sd Bragg is to find the Sd Sarah suitable meat Drink washing and lodgin, the Town to Pay all Doctrng & nursing in case of sickness and the Sd Bragg to Make her the Sd Sarha's clothes good as when Appraised to the Sd Bragg. in witness to all

1.Voted To Raise one hundred and sixty pounds on Polls & Estates to Defray the Contingent charges for the year Ensuing as also Ten pounds to Supply the Poor,
2. To Supply those Familys with Corn Pork Beof Wood Wool & flax & sauce that the Heads there of are in the Continental Service at the Stipulated Price
3 Voted That there be a Committee of Three men to Supply the Same & that Capt Jacob Dodge Ct. Tho Kimball & Peter Dodge be the constituents for the above purposes. Lay their accts before the Town for acceptance.
Voted To Continue Mr Swains Contribution for the Present as also To raise the Sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds with the interest due in time past to Defray the Charge of the War.
Voted to Nothing on the fourth article in the warrant & then the Moderator Declared the Meeting dissolved and accordingly it was. A true Entry Attest
Tyler Porter Town Clerk.

An agreement between Nath^{el} Bragg & the Town.
At a meeting of the Selectmen of this Town Nov 17th 1777.
Then agreed with Nath^{el} Bragg to keep the Widow Sarah Batchelder far the space of one year for the Sum of Twenty one pounds, the half to be paid in Six months. The Sd Bragg engages to find the Sd widow Sufficient meat Drink washing & Lodging The Town to be at the Charge of Doct^{s} & Nurses in case of Sickness. The Sd Bragg to make her Clothing good as when appraised to him in Witness Whereunto we enter agreeabely. Sett our hands the Day & Date above.
The Sd Bragg to be paid in proportion in case of Death before the year is out

his
Nath^{el} Bragg
X
Mark.

Josiah Ober
Jos.^{a} Orne
Tyler Porter
} Select^{m} of Wenham

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham.

This 17th Day of Novbr 1777. Dea Friend Chosen Moderator.

Voted. To adjourn the Sd meeting To Friday next to 3. O Clock P. M.

adjourned and Friday met accordingly and Voted To Choose a Commite to Estmate The Services Done in ye War up to This Time and Dissolved the meeting

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Dea John Friend Chosen Moderator the following persons were Chosen in office. Viz.

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Josiah Herrick
Amos Batihelder
} Select. Men.

Capt Richd Dodge Town Clerk.

Josiah Swett
Capt Jacob Dodge
John Dodge
Capt Mathew Fairfield
Andrew Cole
} Commitee of Safety

Peter Dodge
Berthelemy Dodge
} Constable

Josiah Ober
Isaac Porter
} Tythingmen

Jonhn. Dodge
James Friend
William Cleaves
} Surveyors of Hiwais

Jacob Dodge
Peletiah Brown
Moser Titcomb
} Surveyors of Fences.

Peletiah Brown
Isreal Andrews Dodge
Daniel Killam
} Haywards.

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The Sd Bragg to be paid in proportion in case of Death before the year is out

his
Nath^{el} Bragg
X
Mark.

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Jos.^{a} Orne
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} Select^{m} of Wenham

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Josiah Swett
Capt Jacob Dodge
John Dodge
Capt Mathew Fairfield
Andrew Cole } Commitee of Safety

Peter Dodge
Berthelemy Dodge } Constable

Josiah Ober
Isaac Porter } Tythingmen

Jonhn. Dodge
James Friend
William Cleaves } Surveyors of Hiwais

Jacob Dodge
Peletiah Brown
Moser Titcomb } Surveyors of Fences.

Peletiah Brown
Isreal Andrews Dodge
Daniel Killam } Haywards.

Samuel Ober
Isrel And. Dodge } Hogreifs
Daniel Herrick
Josiah Swett
John Perkins } Dear-reafs
Thom. Webber
Amos Batchelder of Waites & Measures
Josiah Ober Sealer of Leather

The Meeting adjourned to one Oclock. tomorro. by order of the Moderator Dec John Friend.

Met by ajournment.

Voted Not to Continue a Gramer School for the year to Come.

Voted. Not to Raise any money at this Meeting to Defray the Charges the Currant year.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Estimate the Servis Dun and Money paid Since the War began.

Voted to have five for this Committee viz Capt Mathew Fairfield Jona^th^ Molten Benj Edwards Joseph Knowlton William Cleves.

Voted To pay the Selectmen for their Servis in Making the Tax the Currant Year. Provided they pay their on Expenses

Voted To Give the Selectmen the Price of a Bushel of Corn a Day for each man.

Voted. To Releas the Trupers Militia Tax for the year 1778

Joshua Orne Grandjuraman the Present Year.

Then the Moderator Disolved the Meeting. a True Entry Test.

Richard Dodge Town Clerk.

An aGreement with the Widow Martha Kimbal to keep Easter Boatman on year

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham April 10th 1778.

Then A Gread With the Widow Martha Kimbal to keep Ester Bootman on of the Poor of this Town for the Space of one year for the Sum of thurten Pounds During which Turme the said Widow is to find the Sd Ester Sufficent

Meat Drink Washing & Lodging, the Town to pay Doctors and Nursing.
In case of of Sicknis and the Sd Widow is to find and make her Clothing Good as when appraised to her, in Witnis hereunto We have here unto Set our hands this 10th of April 1778

Per or Der of the Selectmen
her Richard Dodge Town Clerk
Martha X Kimbal
Mark.

The List of the Inventory Was Appraised to the Widow Kimbal is £12-16-6

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Duly Warned and Regularly Assembled this 13th Day of April 1778 For to take under Consideration the Constitution or form of government as by Warrant may fully appear Dr Caleb Kimbal Moderator

Voted To take the Constitution under Farther Consideration

Voted to Rase Money to Defray the Charges of a Schoul or Schoules.

Voted to Raise Ninty Pounds for Sd Schoul or Schouls

Voted that the Select Men Be a Committe the mony to Each District

Voted to Chuse A Committe to Confer with Mr Swain respecting his Sallery and Now what Sum will Make him Easy & make report the next meeting

Mr Daniel Killum Josiah Sweatt & Joshua Orne the Committee

Voted to Add two Men to the former Committee to Estimate the Servis Dun in the War. Viz Tyler Porter & Stephen Dodge.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Procure Such Numbers or Numbers of Men as may be caled for from this Town to Goue in to the War and that the three Commishon Officer's, Richd Dodge & Doct Porter be the Committee

Voted to Chuse a Deligate to Meat the Convention to take under Consideration the Constitution or form of Government.

Stephen Dodge chose for the A bove purpose

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham this 6 Day of May 1778 Regular Assembled.
Caleb Kimball Chosen Moderator, firstly
Voted that the Committee Chosen to procure such Men as Shall be Caled for from this Town as by a Late Vote May appear, proceed and hire the Men & Pay Them out of the Town Stock for this Present Campain.
Test. Richard Dodge Town Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham This 21th of May 1778 Duley Warned & Reguarly Assembled as by Warrant May appear firstly to Chuse a Sutable person to Represent them in the Grate and General Court: the Votes being Caled for
Now Person Chosen The Town Proceeded to other Bisnes
Deck J. Friend Chairman
Voted To Chuse a Committee of five to Con Duct the hole mater
Voted Doct. T. Porter Lu.t Sam Porter Richd Dodge Andrew Cole Capt M. Ferfield be the Committee
Voted to Continue the Inoculation Six Months and No longer
Voted Not to Let aney Person out of This Town to be Inoculated or Discommode aney of this Town.
Voted That the Committee be Impowered to Issue orders and Directhons as they in their Wisdom Shall think Best for the Saftey of this Town.
then the Moderator Disolved the Meeting.
Test. Richd Dodge Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham this 29 Day of June Not regularly assembled
Deckn Jono Friend Moderator
Voted not to hire any men for this Campain
Voted to add 100 Pounds to the Rev Mr Swain Sallary, the meeting Desolved.
At a legal Meeting duly Warned and regularly assemblid this 29th Day of Sept. 1778 Dekn Jno. Friend Chosen moderator.
Voted to Conferm the Late vote pased to Give the Rev Mr Swain one Hundred pounds the Present year

Voted to rase £1200 to Defray the charges of the Corrant year

Voted to hire Such Men for the futer as may be coled for to Gone in to the War.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire Sd Men.

Voted as foloweth (viz)

Stephen Dodge
Capt J. Dodge
Deckn Kimball
for the Committe

and the three Commison Officers

Test. R. Dodge T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham May 17. 1781. Then agreed with Daniel Rogers to be Saxton in this Town one year from the Date here of for fourteen Dollars in hard money or equivalent in paper Sd Rogers is to ring the Bell sweep the meeting House & take care of the meeting house as witness our hands this Day.

Daniel Rogers.

Caleb Kimball
Tyler Porter
Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Nov. 12th 1778.

Then A. Greed with Mr Nathll Bragg this Day to keep the Wido Sarah Batchelor for the Space of one year for the sum of fifteytwo Pounds to be paid Quartily and the said Nathll Bragg Ing ases to keep the Sd Wedo in sutable Meet Drink Washing and Lodgin, the Town to be at the Charges of Docters and Nurses in Case of Sickness the Said Bragg to make her Clothin Good as when apprised to him in witnis here of We have Interchangebly Set to our hands the Day and Date above. the Sd Bragg is to be paid in case of Death in Proportion

his
Nathll X Bragg
Mark.

Amos Batchellor
Joseph Hirreck
Rich. Dodge
Selectmen of Wenham

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham this 21th Day of Nov. 1778, being Assembled Dec.r Jahn Friend Chosen Moderator.

firstly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Setle the Comittee accounts that were Chosen to Supply those familys that have their Heads in the Sirvis of the United States

2 Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee for the Above Purpas

3d Voted to Suply the Wido Mary Knowlton the Same as befor her husband Death and to Grant her Petigon

Richd Dodge T. Clerk.

Test. Richd Dodge T. Clerk,

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duly warned and regularly assembled this 2 day of March 1779 agreeable to a warrant Granted for the Purpose of Chuseing Town Officers & to act other busine's as by Sd warrant will fully apear

Samuel Tarbox Moderator

Capt Richard Dodge
Deacon Samuel Tarbox } Select Men.
Amos Batchelder

Capt Richd Dodge Town Clerk.

Deacon John Friend Town Treasurer

Capt Gardner
Doctr Tyler Porter } Committee of Safty
Paltiah Brown

Ebenezer Porter Chose Constable Deacon Caleb Kimball exceptd in his room Benja Edwards Ditto

Stephen Dodge Exceptd in his room

James Friend
Nicholus Dodge } Tythin Men.
Daniel Rogers

Daniel Killam
Moses Titcomb } Surveyors
Joshua Orne

Josiah Swett
Paltiah Brown } Surveyors of High ways.
Josiah Herreck

Saml Ober
Paltiah Brown } Haywards.
Isreal And. Dodge

Daniel Herrick
Rich[d] Friend } Erased.
Isaac Porter
Daniel Killam Jr.

Daniel Herrick
Paltiah Brown } Hogriefs
Lt Cornelius Baker
Joshua Orne

Amos Batchelder Sealer of Waeths & Measures
Josiah Ober Sealer of Leather
Wm Cleaves } Dearieffs
Thomas Webber
Daniel Killam Jr Corder of Wood.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Confer with ye Rev Joseph Swain respecting his keeping a School a Part of ye Insueing year or what part he would Keep & make report at the adjournment or what sum will be Sufficent for his suport

Voted Dact[r] Tyler Porter
Capt John Dodge } Committee
Josiah Herrick.

The fourth & fifth article past in the negative, then the Moderator A Journed the Meeting to the 16 of ths Instant March at 2 Oclock

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March ye 16th the Inhabitants being on a journment past the following Votes

first Voted to pay the Selectmen Expenses whilest imployed in the Town bisnes or Service.

Voted an addition of three hundred pounds to the Rev Joseph Swain Salary.

Voted to Continue the Grames School the insuing year

Voted to rais three hundred pounds to Support Said School and that the afore Sd money be first offerd to the Rev. Mr Swain for to keep Sd School So much of the year as the Committee shall a Gree upon with the a for Sd Mr Swain

Voted to Chuse a Committee for the above purpos

Voted Daniel Killam Capt Jno Dodge & Frances Porter be the Comittee for the a bove Purpos.
then the Moderator Desolved the Meeting
A true Entrey from the Minutes
Richd Dodge Town Clerk,

A record of Wm Tairfield pound a hors
A record of Wm Fairfield of Wenham
May the 18 Day 1779.
Did on Sd Day Takeup in the hiway a Small Brown hors Pounded and Posted the Same & Prised by Lt Samll Porter and Ebenezer Porter at Eighteen Pounds as a prisers.
test. R. Dodge T Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham being duly warned and regularly assembled this 14th of May 1779. Decn S. Tarbox chosen moderator, the following Votes were Pased. Viz
1. Voted to ajorn the second article in the warrant to Sum future time
2. Voted to chuse a committee to seet the meetinghous
3 Voted the three for Sd Committee viz Capt Jacob Dodge Josiah Ober Ebenezer Porter for the Committee
4 Voted Richd Dodge to supply the Wif of James Poland with necessaries of life. Then the Moderator adjourned the meeting to the last wensday in may at 4 O Clock P. M. the moderator being mett with sum fue Inhabitants, acted nothing but disolved the meeting
Test. R. Dodge T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham being Warned and Assembled this 19th June 1779. Past the following Votes viz.
1. Voted not to reconsider the former Vote Pased 28 Sept 1778 for the purpos of hiring men for the futer to Gowe into the Sirvis
2 voted to desmiss the Second Article in the Warrant
3 voted to add 3 men to the Commite viz
Dr T. Porter
Daniel Killam } Com
Mr Benj Dodge

then the Moderator Desolved the meeting
Test R. Dodge T Clerk.

At a Legal meeting of the inhabatan of Wenham Duly Warned and regularly Assembled this 3d Day of August 1779, Dec J. Friend was chosen Moderator then the foloing Votes were Pased. (Viz)

1 Voted to Concur with the Proceedings of the Convention lately held at Concord on July 15. last 1779.

2. Voted to Chuse a Commitee of nine to Set the Prices of the Several Articles. Voted in Town.

Capt. Gardner Pelatiah Brown Capt Jacob Dodge Daniel Killam Jana Molton Dr T. Porter Capt John Dodge James Heerick Amos Dodge	For the Commitee

4th Voted to rais money Sufficient to keep a Schoo four montes the Currant Year in each end of Sd town.

5ly Voted to rais four thousand Pound to Defray resen or rising Charges of Sd year.

6 Voted not to make Mr Jno. Hovey aney allowinc for his Servis in keeping School ye Year Past.

Test. R. Dodge T. Clerk

The foloing is a record of a devisian of fence between Capt Crowninshield and Capt Mathew Fairfield (Viz)

Whare as we Pelatiah Brown Josiah Swett and Josiah Herrick Survairs of fences for the Town of Wenham have bin notified by Capt Mathew Feerfield to devid fence betwen Capt George Crowning shield and Sd Fairfield in Wenham, we a cordingly have mett on the premices for the a bove purpos and have Vewed the fence on the Premices of the homsted of the Sd Crowninshield and Sd Fairfield field which line is 69 Rd and have Devided the fence betwen them (viz) to Sd Fairfield we have a signed 33 rods at the Easterly end of Sd Fence & equal part of his Sd fence to a stake & Stons by the Side of the wall and to Sd. Crown-

inshield 36 Rods at the Westerdly end of Sd Line as an equality of his part of Sd fence.
also another Peas fence betwen the Sd Fairfield and the Sd Crowninshield homestead formily belong to the Wid° Porter to Sd Crowninshield We have asined 10 Rods & 17 Links at the Westerdly end of Sd fence & 17Rods at the North-endly end of the Line leading to the hiway and to Sd Fairfield 17 Rods of the line leading his way and 10 rods and 17 Links of the Sd fence at the Easterdly end of Sd Corner a Gainest the house as his Part, to make and maintain and to each of them the Perticlar Lines as above mentioned to make and maintain
Wenham June 9th 1779

Josiah Swett
Pelateah Brown
Josiah Herrick
} Surveyors of Tences in Wenham

Test. R. Dodge T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabatence of Wenham being duly warned and regularly Assembled this 1 day of Sept 1779.
Pelatiah Brown choen Moderator.
The following Votes were passed.
1. Voted to concur with the proceedings of the late Convention held at Ipswich on the 19 of August last.
2. Voted to Send Capt Jacob Dodge as a member from this Town to meet by Convention at Concord at their next Sitting
3. Voted Josiah Herrick a Selectman in the room of Decm S Tarbox.
then the Moderator Disolved the meeting.
Test. R. Dodge Clerk.

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham this 18th of Nov. 1779.
being duly Warned and regularly assembled. Decn J. Friend was chosen Moderator.
Voted to a bide by the proceedings of the late Convention at Concord respecting the Price of the necssary Commodities of Consumtion.

Voted to Adjorn the meeting to naxt monday.
meet on the Adjornment nothin don the meeting was Disolved

A. Devisan of Fence between Capt George Crownangshield and Josiah Herrick
We Palitiah Brown & Josiah Swett both of Wenham fence Vuers for the Town being a sked by Capt George Crowninshield on the 21th of Sept. 1779 to vue & devide the fenc On the Nothern side of the Sd Crownen Shid farm between Josiah Herrick & Said CrowninShield and on the 22 Day of Sd month Notified the above Persons to atend on the 23 of Sd month, Proceeded as follows.

(Vis) beginning at Titcomb fenc northerly running Southerly 39 Rods & 4 Links to Crowning Shield fenc begining at Titcomb fenc we do lay of to Josiah Herrick 10 R. of the above line and then the Sd Crowningshield is to take twenty rods of Sd line nere the midle the remander of Sd line We lay of to Josiah Herrick. now the East & West line betwen Crowning Shield and Herrick is 36 rods we lay of At the west end of this line 9 rods to Herrick, the Crowningshield is to have eeghteen rods of Sd line in the midle the remainder of Sd line we Set off to Herrick then the above Josiah Herrick notified us to devide fenc betwen Crowningshield and himself on the southerd Sid of Sd. Crowningshield farm Eastardly from fairfield to Crowningshield Eight Acre lot 55 Rods & 12 link. We lay of to Crowning Shield at the Easternd of Sd line 29 rods then the remainedr of Sd line we lay of to Herrick East & West from the eight acre lot to Beverly line 34 Rods We lay of Herrick at the East end of Sd line 17 rods the remainder of Sd line We lay of to Crowningshiled
We as fenc Vuers lay of the Wethin Peces of fenc to Capt George Crowingshield and Josiah Herrick to make and maintain as is here described by us.
Wenham. Oct. 4 1779

Palitiah Brown }
Josiah Swett }
fenc Vuers for Wenham

True entry from the minutes recorded by me. Richard Dodge T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham April 20th 1780

Agreed with Josiah Ober Jr To be Pound Keeper for the Ensuing year For the Lawful fees.

Tyler Porter } Selectman.

Att a Meeting of The Inhabitants of The Town of Wenham March 7th 1780 Duely Warned and Regularly assembled for The Purpose of Choosen Town Officers and other Business as by Warrant may more fully appear on file

Doct Tyler Porter being Chosen Moderator the following persons were Chosen to Town Offices for the Ensuing year. (Viz)

Dc Tyler Porter
Mr. Stephen Dodge } Selectmen
Dea. Caleb Kimball

Dr Tyler Porter Town Clerk.
Daniel Killam Jr. T. Treasurer

Col Thos Kimball
Ct Richard Dodge
Daniel Killam Jr
Andrew Cole } Commite of Safety.
Josiah Ober Jr
Daniel Herrick

Samll Quarles } Constables.
Daniel Herrick.

Sam.ll Ober } Tythingmen
Daniel Rogers

Francis Porter
Benja Edwards } Surveyors of highways
Daniel Killam

Paletiah Brown
Josiah Swett
Israel Andreue Dodge } Surveyors of fence.

Thos Kimball jr
Joshua Orne } Haywards.

Daniel Kimball jr
Ct Mathew Fairfield
Simon Dodge } hogreifs.

Daniel Killam jr
Josiah Sweat
Francis Porter } Corders of Wood.

Amos Batchelder Sealer of Wets & measures
Josiah Ober Sealer of Leather
Ct Richard Dodge Grand Juror for the year

Voted That no wood be Exposed to Sale or Deliver. To any of the Poor of the Town without a Certificate from one of the Corders of Wood.

Paletiah Brown
Ct John Dodge
Ct Mathw Fairfield } Overseers of the Poor.

Voted To Chuse a Committee to inquire in The Situation of the Bell and make report at the next meeting also voted that Dec Jno Friend & Ct Jno. Gardner be the Committee

Voted To Grant Mr. Swain an order of three hundred pounds for his Service in keeping School.

Voted To make Mr Swain an addition to his Salary and that the Sum of Six Hundred pounds be added the present year

Voted not to abate any part of the Troopers taxes for the present year 1780

Voted not to make any Consideration to the Constables for the Loss of money

Voted That the Committee Chosen to Oversee the Poor be The Committee to Supply the Familys of those Soldiers that are in the Continental Service

Voted also that Said Committee Settle with Ct Jacob Dodge

respecting Daniel Clinton and make report the next Town Meeting to be hold^{n} for Sd. Town.
A True Enrty Attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk
Then The Moderator Declaired the Meeting Desolved & accordingly it was Disolved

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham March 27th 1780 Regularly assembled Capt Jno Dodge Chosen Moderator the following votes Passed. (Viz) The first article in the Warrant, To see if the Town would Grant the middle part of the Town their porpartion of the Last years Schooling. Past in the Negative. and Secondly Voted not to continue the Gramma School the Insuing year Also Past a vote to support Bartholl Dodge a late Constable for Sd Town in Distreining for Capt George Crowningshield Tax for the year 1777 Then the Moderator Declared the meeting Dissolved. A True Entry
Attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham May 18th 1780
Regularly assembled for the purpose of chusing a Representive and other Business as per Warrant may appear They Did not Chuse any person To Represent them in the Great & General Court to be held at Boston this year. Deac^{n} Tarbox Chosen Moderator
Second article with regard to the highways past in the Negative.
Third Article Voted to Raise Tifteen hundred pounds this year for the use of Schools in the Town and to be porportioned in the Three Districts according to their Taxes. & fourthly
Voted to Chuse a man to go to the Furnace to know if the bell can be run over and agree for the Same and make report att the adjournment of this Meeting and Dr Tyler Porter was Chosen to Go in Behalf of the Town

At the ajournment Voted to red the report and to get the Bell new run with an addition

Voted To Pay the Reverend Swain his Salary in Specie or Produce from the first of June next at the first Stipulated Price in this State since the war Commenced

Voted to Chuse a Committee of nine to revise the Constitution or form of Government and make report at the adjournment of this meeting and the Constitucents are

The Rev Mr Swain, Wm. Cleaves Stephen Dodge Dr Tyler Porter Thomas Kimball Dea Jno Friend Ct Richard Dodge Dea Sam[ll] Tarbox. & Ct Matheue Fairfield

Then the Moderator Declarid the Meeting Adjourned to this Day Fortnight at 4 O clock P. M. A true Entry of the minutes attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

June st 1780 At the Ajourmment of the Meeting Voted to Choose Committee of three men to gett the Bell Run over Messrs Dr Tyler Porter Paletiah Brown & Josiah Sweat to be a Committee to obtain the Same according to their best Judement of the Matter.

Voted to ajourn this meeting to next Monday at one O Clock P. M in order further to Consed[r] the Constitution At the Same time, Eleven Voted to Receive it with the proposed amendment of the Committee

At the Ajournment June 15th

Voted to Receive the Constitution with the Amendments proposed by the Committee upon thethird article in the Bill of Rights (Viz)

In stead of may be paid it Shall be paid To the Parish or precinct to which the Person belongs. The other amendments upon Sd article as proposed by Tyler Porter, Voted To restrain the Liberty of the Press and that no person be allowed to Publish any Defamamortory or Libel against any person without his Signature

Voted To oblige the Person Chosen for Governor To Declair hinself to be of the Prodestant Religion and a man of Good Character & etc.

40 Voting for the Constitution with the amendments, 8 in the Negative 3 To receive it as it Stands in the original

Voted to Leave it with the Convention when the form of Government hall Take place and then the Moderator Declared the meeting To be Dissolved and accordingly it was.

a True Entry of the minutes

Attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabit ants of the Town of Wenham June 14th 1780 Duely Warned and regularly Assembled Ct Jno. Dodge chosen Moderator the following Passed. (Viz) Voted to Proceed to hire the men Called for as heretofore 2ly Voted that the three Commision of this Town be a Committee to hire the Men now called for and also to pay them for time & expenice in procuring men.
Voted to Dismiss the Second Article the Warrant respecting Killams request
Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Dissolved
Attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham June 24th 1780 Duly Warned and Regularly Assembled Dea Jno Friend Moderator, the following votes were passed. Viz
Voted That the Miletia Officers Procure the Men Called for to go in the service the best Way & manner they can. Then the Moderator Declaired the Meeting Dissolved
A true Entry Attest.
Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham October 2nd 1780.
Duely Warned & Regularly Assembled for the Choise of a Representative & other Business as per Warrant may fully appear.
Voted not to chuse a Representative
Voted To Choose a Committe To See what those persons will Take for the Depreciation of the money that the Town are Indebted to and make return of their Doings Att the Ajournment of this Meeting.
Messrs Palatiah Brown Dea Samll Tarbox & Benja Hagget are chosen for the purpose afore Said.
Voted to Dismiss the 4th Article in the warrant in the warrant respecting Blankets
Voted to ajourn Sd meeting to Monday the Sixteenth Day of this Instant at one o clock. P.M. Capt Jno. Dodge moderator. a True Entry attest
Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At the adjournment Voted to Pay Francis Quarles four hundred Sixty Pounds

Voted To Choose 3 men a Committee to examin to the Settlement made Between the Selectmen & Town Treasurer in March. 1779 and that they make a report at the next Town meeting. De Sam[ll] Tarbox Richard Dodge & Pelatiah Brown Chosen

Voted To raise the Sum of 40000 £ forty thousand pounds To Defray the Publick & Contingent Charges for the Ensuing year

Voted To Choose a Committee of three men To Procure the Beaf called for from this Town to Supply the Army Ct Jacob & Richard Dodge & Tyler Porter chosen for the above purpose.

Voted to Dismiss Waldrons Letter to the Treasurer.
Then the Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved

T. Porter T. Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Dec 21st 1780 Duely Warned & Regularly assembled Dea Jno Friend chosen Moderator

Voted To Give each man that Shall Inlist into the Continental Army for three. years or During the War one hundred Dollars a year in hard money or the exchange in paper as the Exchange shall be when the money is Due.

Voted To Choose a Committee of five in No to hire the men & Mess[rs] Cap[t] Jno Dodge Ct Richard Dodge Ct Mathew Fairfield & Corneilus Baker & Jeames Kimball were chosen for the purpose above Sd and Impowered to hire the money for each man until the Town can refund it.

Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to Get the Bell hung as Cheap as they can

Voted To Choose a Committe to ajust the Towns Accts. from time to time and Mesrs Dea Sam[ll] Tarbox Jonh Friend & Josiah Herrick were Chosen therefore.

1780 Dec[br] 21 Voted to Choose a Committe of three men to Procure the Beaf that is Called for to supply the Army Mess[rs] Sam[ll] Quarles Majer Titcomb & Josiah Herrick were chosen to Procure it accordingly.

Voted to Raise Sixteen Thousand Pounds to Pay for the Beaf & —
Voted to ajourn this meeting to next Thursday a one Oclock P. M and it was accordingly ajourned by Jno Friend Moderator

Attest T. Porter T Clerk.

At the ajournment Dec 28th 1780
Voted to reconsider the Choise of the Committee Chosen to ajust the Town accts & they were Desmised.
Voted the Selectmen make up the out standing orders to the Scale of Depreciation or the Best of their Judgement having regard for what they were given.
Then the Selectmen agreed with Richard Friend to hang the Bell for Eight Dollars the old way or the exchange in Paper. The Town to find the timber all but the wheel & axel tree for the Bell.
Then The Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved

Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

1781 Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Febry 9th Dea John Friend Moderator the following Votes Passed. (Viz)
Viz that the Committee Chosen to hire men for the army Have full power to hire them in the Best way & manner they Can & to Procure them as soon as possible; then the Moderator Declared the Meeting ajourned to next Thursday at Two O Clock P. M.

A True Entry Att. Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham March 6.th Dea Jno Friend Chosen Moderator.
The following Persons were chosen into Office for the Ensuing year (Viz) Messr Stephen Dodge Dea Caleb Kimball & Tyler Porter Selectmen.
Ct Thomas Kimball Town Treasurer Sworn
Dr Porter Town Clerk.

Daniel Killam jr
Mathew Fairfield
Ct Richard Dodge
} Committe of Safety.

Joshua Orne instead of Simon Dodge
} Constables both Sworn

Isaac Porter
Josiah Obur Jr } Tything Men
Elisha Perkins } Sworn.

Dea Jno Friend
Paletiah Brown } Surveyors of
Benj[a] Dodge } High Ways.

Wm Rams del
Francis Porter } Hagriefs
Paletiah Brown

Daniel Killam[jr]
Joshua Orne } Corders of
Francis Porter } Wood

Francis Porter
Stephen Dodge } Surveyors of
Peter Dodge } Fences.

Wil[m] Webber
Isaac Porter } Haywards.
Isr[l]. Andrew Dodge

Sealer of Weights & measures Amos Batihelder
Sealer of — Josah Ober

Daniel Killam Jr
Josiah Sweat } Committe of
Dea Tarbox } Inspection of orders.

Ct John Dodge
Sam[ll] Ober } Deariffs

Voted To raise money to Defray any Extras & Contingent Charges

Voted That That the Town Treasurer be Impowered to hire what money is is Wanted To Procure the men Called for to Fill the Continental army

Voted To Asses £210 in Silver Immediately upon the Poll & Estates in this Town

Voted to omit the Third article in the Warrant for the Present.

Voted to abate Aaron Lee Poll tax.
for the year past.

Voted To abate Jno Lows tax for the past year Then the

Moderator ajourned the meeting to the Tavern and there Disolved the Same
A true Entry Attest Tyler Porter Town Clerk.

At a Legal of the Inhabitants of Wenham 2nd Day of April 1781.
For the purpose of Choosing a Governor Lt Governr & Senators for this Commonwealth.
No of Voters in the Meeting were 28 which were all Given for John Hancock Esq.
No of Votes in favour of Thos Cushing Esq for Liut Governour were 28.
No of Votes in favour of Messrs Elbridge Gerry of Marblehead, John Pickering Esq of Salem Samll Holten of Danvers Esq Stephen Choate of Ipswich Jno. Greenleaf of Newbury Port & Samll Phillips of Andover Esq for Senators were Twenty Eight in the affirmative & Negative o. a True Entry Attest Tyler Porter.
Tyler Porter being Chosen moderator it was put To See if the Town would make an average Price of the Bounty given to the Soldiers and it was passed in the Negative. Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved
Tyler Porter T Clerk.
An agreement made by & between the Town & Abraham Edwards to keep Esther Boatman one year.
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham April 18th 1781.
Agreed with Abraham Edwards To Keep Esther Boatman of this Town for the space of one year for Seven hundred & ninety Dollars old Currency one half to be paid in Six months from the Date Sd Edwards to find Sd Esther Sufficient meat Drink, Washing & Lodging & To make Her Cloathing as good as when apraised to him. The Town to pay the Doctor & Nurse in Case of Seckness & To Bury her in case of Death
As witness our hands this Eighteenth Day of April 1781.
Att. Thomas Kimball Abraham Edwards

Tyler Porter
Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge
} Selectmen of Wenham.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham May 17th. 1781
Legaly Warned & Regularly Assembled for the Choice of a Representative & other Business as pr Warrant may appear. The Selectmen requested Proxes for a Representative & they Refused to give any. Stephen Dodge being chosen Moderator, the 2nd Article was put to vote & Dismissed for the present the 3d Article tried Voted To pay the Revnd Joseph Swain his Salary the year Currant in Specie or produce at the first stipulated price Since the Warr Come.
4th Articll Voted To Raise fifty pounds by a Tax on polls & Estates to repair the High Ways this year, also To allow 3 P. per Day for mens Labor & 2 P for oxen 1/6 for a horse & 2 P for a cart & etc.
Voted Those persons that are Duely warned and do not work out their Taxes at the highways Shall have it added to their next Town Tax.
Mathew Fairfield Chosen Grand Juror To Serve at the Supreme Court to be holden at Ipswich Then
Then the Meeting was Disolved by the Moderator a True Entry Attest

Tyler Porter Town Clerk

An agreement made by & between Abraham Edwards & the Town To keep Daniel Clinton 1 year
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 25th 1781. Then agreed with Abraham Edwards to take & keep Daniel Clinton one of the poor of this Town the Space of one year from the Date hereoff for fourteen Shillings & Six pence per week in Specie or equivalent. Said Edwards to find Sd Clinton Sufficent meat Drink washing & Lodging.
The Town to pay the Doctor & Nurse in Case of Sickness Sd Edwards to make his Cloathing Good as when he receives him. As witness our hands.
Abraham Edwards.

Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge } Selectmen
Tyler Porter

This agreement altered
to Capt Jacob.

An agreement by & between Jacob Dodge & the Selectmen to keep Daniel Clinton

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 4 1781. Then agreed with C^t^ Jacob Dodge to keep Daniel Clinton as one of the poor of this Town the space of one year from the Date for fourteen Shillings & Six pence per week in Silver money Equivalent Sd Dodge to find Sd Daniel sufficent meat Drink & Washing & Lodging & to make his Cloathes Good as When aprised to Him. The Town to pay Doctor & Nurse in Case of Sickness as witness our hands.

Jacob Dodge

Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge
Tyler Porter
} Select men of Wenham

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham July 5th 1781.

Dea Jno Friend Chosen Moderator the following Votes were Passed.

1. Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to Purchase the Beaf for the Army

2. Voted to Choose a Committe to Procure the Beaf & Peletiah Brown was Chosen.

3rd. To Confirm the former Committe to hire the Men for the present.

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the Tavern where it was Contested by Some of the Inhabitants making a rout about the Jurors being Selected which was Done according to the Vote of the Town after being Accepted in Town Meeting

A True Entry Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

Aug 30 T. Meeting

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Legally Warned & Convened the Sixth Day of September A.D. 1781. Dea^n^ Sam^ll^ Tarbox being Chosen Moderator the following Votes Past.

1 Voted To Reconsider a former Vote respecting raising money to purchase the Beaf to supply the Army & it was accordingly. Reconsidered.

2nd Voted To Raise Seventy five pounds Silver Lawful money to purchase the Beaf for the Army upon Polls & Estates being & Lying in the Town of Wenham. Also to Raise one hundred & twenty five pounds.
To Defray Town Charges the Currant year upon the Same
3d Voted To ajourn This Meeting to the first Monday in Octobr next at 4-o cloik P.M. at This Place. Then the Moderator Declared the meeting adjourned. a True Entry from the minutes Attest Tyler Porter T. Clerk.
At The ajornment October (?). It was Voted to rase the 3d. article in the Warrant relative to the Taxe & to refer the Case of Polands Wife to the Selectmen. Then the Moderator Declaired the meeting Disolved
Attest Tyler Porter Town Clerk.

Decr 31. At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Legally Warned & convened the thirty first Day of Decbr AD. 1781
Dea Jno Friend beng Chosen Moderator the following Votes passed.
1 Voted That the former Constable receive the monies Due upon their list according to the Scale of Depreciation of money
2nd Voted To raise Sixty pounds upon Poles & Estates in this Town for the use of Schools in the Town also that the money be Devided in the three Districts
3.rd Voted To Build a Stone pound this year in the Town also to Choose a Committe of five men To See the pound Built, also that Each District Do their Equal proportion Messrs Tyler Porter Richard Dodge Mathew Fairfield Corneilus Baker & Benja Haggit were chosen for to See the Same accomplished.
Voted that the meeting be adjourned to next monday at 4-O Clock P.M. Then the Moderator Dismissed the meeting.

At the ajournment Jan 7th 1782 Voted to Raise Seventy Seven pounds Eight Shillings to pay the Three months & five months man or men that have been in the Countrys Service the year past. Then the Moderator Dismised the Meeting
a True Entry attest Tyler Porter Town Clerk

A.D. 1782. At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duely Warned & regularly Convened on Tuesday the 5th Day of March A.D. 1782. for the purpose of Choosing Town Officers for the Ensuing year & other Business as per Warrant may fully appear
Dean Samll Tarbox being Chose Moderator for Sd Meeting. The following persons were chosen into office: (Viz).

Dea Caleb Kimball Stephen Dodge Tyler Porter	Selectmen.
Tyler Porter	Town Clerk. Sworn
Ct Thomas Kimball	Treasurer S.W.
Ct Mathew Fairfield Ct Jno Dodge Josiah Oberjr.	Committee of Safety.
John Dodge the 2nd Josiah Sweat	Sworn Constables Sworn
Amos Dodge Thos Kimball	Tythingmen Sworn.
Dea Samll Tarbox Daniel Killam Peter Dodge	Sworn Surveyors of Highways
Ct. Jacob Dodge Ct Richard Dodge Ct Mathew Fairfield Lt Samll Quarles	Surveyors of Fences. Sworn.
Thomas Kimball Jr Daniel Killam Jrsworn. William Dodge Josiah Ober Jr	Hogreifs

Israel Andrew Dodge
Samll Ober } Haywards.
Wil$^{m.}$ Webber

Daniel Killam Jr } Sworn
Joshua Orne } Corders
Josiah Ober Jr } of
Joseph Fairfield } Wood
Amos Batchelder Sealer of Weits and Measures for this year
Josiah Ober Sealer of Leather
Wil^{m} Cleaves a Dear Reef.
The Second & third Articles in the warrant not acted upon at all.
Then the Moderator Disolved the meeting
A true Entry Attest
Tyler Porter Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham duly warned & regularly assembled April st 1782 for the Choice of a Governour Lt Governour & Senator & other Business as per warrant may appear
John Hancock Esq had 20 Votes for a Governour Mr James Bowdwin Esq had 5 votes. Thomas Cushing Esq had 28 votes for Lt Governour & no Negative, Jon^{a} Greenleaf of Newburyport Stephen Choate of Ipswich Sam^{ll} Phillips of Andover Aaron Ward of Boxford Azor Orne of Marblehead Jon^{a} Gardner of Salem Esq had 20 Votes each for Senators.
2$^{nd.}$ article passed by
The third Voted To raise the sum of Thirty pounds to repair the High ways the year Ensueing. Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved.
a. True Entry Tyler Porter T. Clerk

An Agreement made by & between Wido Rebekah Ober & the Selectmen to keep Esther Boatman.
At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham April 30th 1782. Then Agreed with the wdow Rebekah Ober of Sd Town to Take & Keep Esther Boatman for the Space of one year and to find her sufficent meat Drink Washing & Lodging for the Sum of Seven pounds fourteen Shillings & 5 d.

The Town is to be at the Charge of a Doctor & nurse in case of Sickness if necessary and The Sd Wid° to make her Cloathing as good as when apraized to her in witness whereunto we subscribe our hands to the above agreement.
The Town to Buryher
in case of Death
Rebekah Ober.

Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge
Tyler Porter
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duely warned on Thursday the 23 of May 1782. For the purpose of Choosing a Representative &c as per Warrant on file may appear. The Selectmen presided & the Inhabitants Did not nor Would not Choose any Person to Represent them To the General Court. D^e Jno Friend Chosen a Grand Juror to attend Ipswich Court & Ct Richard Dodge was Drawn to attend as a petit juror and the Meeting was Disolved and no Body Negatived a True Entry

Tyler Porter T Clerk.

An agreement made by & between the Selectmen & Moses Titcomb to keep Danel Clinton for one year
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 19th 1782. Then Agreed with Moses Titcomb To Take & Keep Daniel Clynton one of the Poor of this Town for the Space of one year for Ten Shillings & five pence per week upon Condition Sd Titcomb find Sd Daniel sufficent meat Drink washing & Lodging and make his Cloathes as Good as when apraised to him
The Town to Pay The Doctor & nurse in case of sickness and to bury him in case of Death, in Witness whereunto we Sett our hands the Day & Date above mentioned

Moses Titcomb

Tyler Porter
Stephen Dodge
Caleb Kimball
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Aug 23d. 1782.

Regularly assembled De Jno Friend Chosen Moderator the following votes were passed. (viz)

Voted to Send a remonstrance or petition To the General Court respecting the fine called for from this Town: Voted the Selictmen to be a Committee to prefer the Petition

Voted The Selectmen be a Committe to Consolidate the out Standing notes & orders and give an account of all the Towns Debts as near as may be found at the ajournment

Voted to ajourn this Meeting to the 20th Day of Septbr next at three a clock. P.M

accordingly the Meeting was ajourned by the Moderator

Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At the ajournment Sept 20 1782 Voted To Raise the Sum of Three hundred pounds to Defray Town Charges the Current year Fifty pounds of which Sum is to be appropriated to Schools and Dividided in three Districts equally

Also Voted To Prefer a petition to the General Court respecting the fine called for and Tyler Porter was chosen to go to the General Court to Prefer the Petition for the Town.

nemine Contradi cente. Tyler Porter T Clerk.

a True Entry from the minutes

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Decbr 31th 1782

Regularly Assembled. Deaⁿ Tarbox Moderator & etc.

Voted to pass over the Warden Act after reconsidered and Chose (viz) Dr Porter & Daniel Herrick to be wardens in this Town

Voted that the Two Courts in this County as they were viz in Salem &² Ipswich. Then Voted that Deacon Tarbox go to Boston to Prefer a Petiton to the General Court respecting the fines called for then the Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

March 1783. At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham March 4. A D. 1783. Duely Warned & Regularly Assembled for the purpose of Choosing Town Officers for the year Ensuing & other business as per warrant may appear

Deacon S. Tarbox chosen moderator the following persons were chosen into the Several offices prefixed to their Names (Viz.)

Dea Caleb Kimball Mr Stephen Dodge Dr Tyler Porter	Selectmen
Dr Tyler Porter	Town Clerk.
Ct Thos Kimball	Town Treasurer
Jonathan Moulton Benj^{a} Dodge	Constables Sworn
Josiah Ober Richard Wood	Tything Men.
Dec Sam^{ll} Tarbox Lt Sam^{ll} Quarles. Amos Balchelder	Surveyors of Highways
Lt. Sam^{ll} Quarles Ct. Richard Dodge Lt James Kimball Francis Porter Pelatiah Brown	Surveyors of Fences.
Ct. Mathew Fairfield Isaac Porter Daniel Herrick Josiah Sweat.	Hogreifss
Joseph Fairfield Willm Webber Israel Andrews Dodge	Haywards.
Daniel Killam Jr Daniel Herrick Joshua Orne	Corders of Wood.
Amos Batchelder	Sealer of Weights & measures
Josiah Ober Jr	Sealer of Leather

John Perkins } Deariffs
Wm Cleaves }

Ct John Gardner } Wardens.
Mr Ebenezer Porter }

2nd article on the Warrant not allowed
3d Voted to Build a pound by a tax upon the Inhabitants & Land in Town.
Voted To Raise Seventy five pounds for Building the Pound also Voted that the former Committe Chosen to build the Pound See the Same accomplished
Mr Stephen Dodge chosen Grand Jurror for the Year Ensuing
Voted that the Town Treasurer Oblige the former Constable to Settle their Several Lists of Taxes with him Immediately beginning with the Oldest first.
a True Entry Attest Tyler Porter Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham April 7th 1783.
Regularly Assembled Tor the Choise of Public Officers & other Business as per Warrant may appear
John Hancock had 12 votes for Governor & 5 negative Tho Cushing Esq had 19 votes for a Leut Governar.
Jona Greenleaf Stephen Choate Aaron Wood Sam.ll Phillips Bena Goodhue & George Cobbett had 21 votes for Senators the Ensuing year a list of Jurors Excepted & the Selictmen choses to separate the Boxes
Voted that the Committe let out the Build the Pound to the Lowest Bidder, the Meeting Disolved

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham May 16th 1783 Regularly Assembled for The Choise of a Representative, the mind of the People was asked upon the Choise and they Did not give their Vote for any Person to Represent them the ensuing year Dea C. Kimball being chosen Moderator
Voted To purchase a Pitt of Gravel from Samll Fisk to repair the Causey at the Vest end of the Town and Messrs Dea C Kimball Dea S Tarbox & Dea J Friend was chosen

a Committe to purchase Sd. Gravel & report to the Town what they Give for Sd Gravel
Voted to Hire The Sum of thirty pounds to repair the Highways in Town the ensuing year and to sett Labour the Same as it was the Last year At the highway & then the Moderator Dea C. Kimball Declaired the Meeting Disolved & it was.

Before it was Lt James Kimball was chosen to Attend at Ipswich Court as a Grand Juror upon the Grand inquest & Ct Fairfield upon the Jury of Trials Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

Voted to give the Committee instructions how to proceed regard the Town Stock.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham May 29th 1783 Duely warned & regularly assembled Dea Friend chosen Moderator the following Votes were passed.
Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Examine the Town Stock of amunition & guns Intrenching Tools. Dea Tarbox Pelatiah Brown & Mathew Fairfield were Chosen for Sd purpose.
Voted that four Shillings per load be the price for all the rocks halled for the pound that are laid above Ground
Voted that the Committee be instructed to Sell the Intrenching Tools Powder & fire arms that belong to the Town & make report to the Town of their doings the next meeting thus the Warrant may extend.
Voted To Take in three Rods of the Training field next to Senters Garden running to a corner next to Herricks as the fence now stands. and and that the rocks left in Building the pound be used to fence it
Then the Moderator Dissolved the Meeting and it was Disolved accordingly

Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selictmen of Wenham June 19th 1783.
Then Agreed with Mr Moses Titcomb to Keep Daniel Clynton one of the poor of this Town the space of one year for five Shillings & ten pence per week & to find Sd Daniel Sufficent meat drink & washing & Lodging & to make his Cloathing Good as when apraesed to him. The Town to

Pay the Doctor & nurse in case of Sickness and to bury hin in case of Death To which Agreement we hereunto Sett our hands the Day & Date above

Moses Titcomb

Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge
Tyler Porter
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a Meeting of the Selictmen of Wenham July 7th 1783. Then appointed Thos Lewis to be pound keeper for the ensuing year

for the Town of Wenham for the Lawful fees.

Caleb Kimball
Stephen Dodge
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham September 29th 1783

Duely Warned & Regularly Assembled Dea John Friend Chosen Moderator

Voted not to Grant the prayer of the Petitions of Towns of Newbury & Almbury Respecting moving the Courts &. and that they remain as they Be.

Voted To ajourn the above meeting was ajourned To next Friday after Lecture at this place by the moderator and it was accordingly ajourned

Tyler Porter Clerk.

At the Ajournment on Friday the third Day of Septembr the following passed. (viz) Voted To Raise three hundred pounds the year Ensuing Sixty pounds of which is to be appropriated to Schools Equally Divided in the three Districts the remainder To Defray the Contingent Charges of the Town

a bare majority To appropriate the Rock that remain after Building the pound To fence in the Town Land which is illegal without the Consent of the major part of the Town & Voted to Dismiss the fifth article in the warrant respecting Ruben Patch

Ct Jno Dodge drawn to Serve as juror at Salem Courts & Josiah Ober chosen to serve on the Grand jury then the Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved and it was accordingly.

Tyler Porter T. Clerk.

Daniel Clinton lit out 5/2 per week.
At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 7th 1785. Then agreed with Benja Edwards to take and keep Daniel Clinton One of the Poor of this Town the Space of One year from this date for the Sum of Five Shillings & two pence Pr week find said Daniel sufficent meet Drink and Washing & Lodging and to return his Clothing as good as when they Recd them. The Town to be at the Cost of Doctor And Nursing in case of Sickness and to Bury him in case of Death. In witness of all above We have hereunto Sett our hands.
Benja Edwards.

Caleb Kimball
Isaac Porter
Stephen Dodge
} Selectmen of Wenham

Benja Edwards
the value of his Clothing was £2-4-0
The above agreement is truly recorded
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.
At an annual Town meeting in Wenham March 2d 1784 Duly Convened as by warrant on file may appear Dea John Friend Moderator the following persons were chosen into Office

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Decm. Caleb Kimball
Isaac Porter
Stephen Dodge
} Selectmen

Stephen Dodge Town Clerk.

Ct Thomas Kimball Town Treas

Jona Moulton
Nichalas Dodge
} Constables

Richard Dodge Simon Dodge	Tythingmen.
Ct John Gardner Lut Corneilus Baker Ct John Dodge	Serv^{s} highways
Ct Richard Dodge John Dodge jr Joseph Fairfield Sam^{ll} Quarles.	Sevrs Fences.
Pelitah Brown	Juror
Thomas Lewis Abm. Edwards Sam^{ll} Ober	Hog Rives
Pelatiah Brown Isaac Porter Wm Dodge Dan^{ll} Herrick Jon^{a} Knowlton	haywards
Thomas Lewis Danl Killam Jr Daniel Herrick Nicholas Dodge	Corders of Wood.
Amos Batchelder	Sealer W. meas.
Josiah Ober	Sealer Leather
John Perkins	Dear Rieves
Jon^{a} Knoulton Pelatiah Brown	Wardens.

2^{d} Voted To pay Daniel Herricks accont for transporting the Woman & Child to Newbury Port & Charges

3ly. that they voted Not alow Isaac Porters counterfeit money.

4ly That they would not give notes on Interest for Town Orders.
Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved.
And it was accordingly Disolved.
A true record from minutes
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

April 5- 1784
At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, Legaly Warned and Convened as by warrant on file may appear Deacn John Friend Moderator.
Governor chosen
John Hancock Esq had 8 votes for a Governor
James Bowden Esq had 5 votes for a Governor
Thomas Cushing had 12 votes for a Lieut Governor
Senators
Benj Goodhue had 20 Samll Nathon had 18 votes Jona Greenleaf Jr 18 votes George Cabbett had 20 votes.
Saml Phillips Jr 20 John Choate Esq 20 Aaron Wood Esq 2. Azor Onno Esq 2 votes
2ly voted that they would not Pay Decn Whitneys accot that he hath against the Wid Sarah Poland
Then the meeting was Disolved
Attest Stephen Dodge Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Legaly Warned. And Conveined as by Warrant may Appear to act on the several Articles Following (viz) No Representative Chosen Deacn Caleb Kimball Chosen Moderator
2ly voted the sum of Sixty Pound to Defray the charges of repairing the highways the Currant year and to Set a mans Days work at 4 s/a day york of Oxen 2/6 cart 2/c one horse 2 s/ a day and that the List Shall be returned the first Day of October next and all that have not worked out their Tax Shall have that part so Deficent added to their next Tax.
3ly voted Not to Chuse any Person to colect the Remainder of Joshua Ornes Tax bill that was committed to him Agreeable to his Request.
Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved
A True Record Attest Stephen Dodge Town Clerk

Anna Killam Lett. out 4/5 a week

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 7th 1784.

Then agred with Moses Titcomb to keep Anna Killam, One of the Poor of this Town One year from this Date for four Shillings and five pence Per Week to find Sd Anna sufficent meat Drink & Washing and Lodging and to return her clothing and goods as good as when Recd. The town to pay Doct. and nursing in case of Sickness and to bury him in case of Death. in witness of all above we have hereunto Set our hands.

Caleb Kimball
Isaac Porter
Moses Titcomb Stephen Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duly warned and Regularly assembled on the 23d of June 1784 Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator

Voted that thay would not rase the money sent for from the State On acct of our Defiency of three men in the year 1782.

Voted to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned accordingly to monday the fifth of July next at five Oclock P. M.

Voted on the adjournment to Reconsider the first vote past on the last meeting and also that the money should be added to the State Tax now caled for and assed with the same

A True Record Attest Stephen Dodge Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 26th 1784 Then agreed with Tyler Porter Esq to be Pound keeper for the Lawful fees for the Currant year as witness our hands.

Tyler Porter Caleb Kimball
Isaac Porter
Stephen Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 26th 1784. Then agreed with Danel Herrick to Do the Duty of Sexton in this Town One year from this Date for the Sum of Thirty Shillings as witness our hands

Caleb Kimball
Daniel Herrick Isaac Porter
Stephen Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

A True Record of the above agreements from the Original.

Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk

16th Nov^{m}. 1784

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Legaly Warned and Convened as on Warrant on file may Appear John Friend Chosen moderator

1. Voted to accept the list of Jurors and that the Selectmen Be a Committe to sort the vote.

2nd Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the 26th of this instant Nov^{r}.

Att 2 oclock. after noon.

Money for the Currant year

On the Adjournment voted to raise two hundred pound for the use of the town the Currant year

2^{d} voted Sixty pounds for the use of a School in this town the Present year to be Divided equaly in three Districts

Then the Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved

Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk

Anna Killam let out.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 13th 1785. Then agreed with Benj^{a} Edwards^{jr} To take and keep Anna Killam One of the Poor of this town, One year From this Date. On the Conditions following (viz) Said Edwards is to find Sd Anna sufficient meet Drink Washing and Lodging for the Sum of three Shillings and ten pencs pr week, the town to pay the Doc^{r} and Nursing in case of Sickness and Said Edwards is to return her goods and Clothing as good as when Delivered to him in wtness our hands.

N:B the above mentioned persons Inventory was £17-18-7.

Caleb Kimball
Isaac Porter
Stephen Dodge
} Selectmen of Wenham

Mr Edwards did not receive her till the 20 of June 1785

Benj Edwards Jr.

The above agreement truly recorded

Attest. Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

At an annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duly Convened March first 1785 in order to Elect town officers for the currant year & other business the Per-

sons hereafter named were chosen to their respective offices (vis)

Pelatiah Brown Chosen Moderator

Dea Caleb Kimball Isaac Porter Stephen Dodge	Selectmen
Stephen Dodge	T Clerk
John Dodge 2d	T Treasurer
Richard Hood Andrew Cole	Constables
Amos Dodge Richard Friend	Tythingmen
Joseph Fairfield John Dodge 2d. Benj Edwards.	Surveyors highways
Wm Dodge Joseph Fairfield Peletiah Brown John Dodge 2d. Lt Cor[l] Baker	Surveyors of Fences.
Nath Porter Josiah Ober jr Thomas Kimball jr Nicholas Dodge	Hog rieves
Isaac Porter M[r] Edwards Richard Hood	haywards.
Josiah Ober Peletiah Brown Wm Dodge Joseph Fairfield	Corders of Wood.

Amos Batchelder Sealer of Wts & measures

Josi ah Ober · Sealer of Leather

Lt Baker
John Perkins } Dear
Abm Edwards Rieves
Benj Edwards } Wardens.
Amos Batchelder

The above mentioned officers all Sworn
2nd. voted that the Selectmen and treasurer be Impowered to Sell the Paper money now in the treasurers hand if thay think propper
3nd Voted that they would not abate Abm. Wiats Taxes nor act anything relative there to then the Moderator Desolved the meeting
A true Record from the minutes
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham April 4th 1785 Regularly assembled for the Choise of Publick Officers and gave in their votes as followeth (vis)

James Bodoin Esq	12 Votes	for Governor
Thomas Cushin Esq	6 Votes	
Thomas Cushin Esq	10 Votes	Leut Governor
Benja Lindon Esq	6 Votes	
Aaron Wood Esqr	6 votes	For Senators
Jnoa Greenleaf Esq	16 votes	
Peter Coffin Esq	14 votes	
Mr Miles Greenwood	8 Votes	
Decn John Maning	6 Votes	
Col Isreal Hutchinson	6 votes	
Mr George Cabot	10 votes	
Saml Phillips Esq	8 votes	
Elbredge Garry Esq	10 votes	
Mr Benja Goodhue	9 votes	
Mr Nathan Goodel	2 Votes	

A True Record from the minuts
Attst Stephen Dodge T Clerk.
Voted no Deputy

At a Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duly warned and regularly assembled On the 13th Day of May 1785

For Electing a Representative and Other business as by Warrant on file may fully appear, the Question was put wheather the Town would make choice of a Representative and it was Pased in the Negative

Voted Deac Caleb Kimball moderator for this Meeting

Voted to raise the Sum of £70 for repairing the highways the Currant year and that the Wages Stand as Last year and that all Deficent persons that Do not work out their tax Shall be added to the next town Tax.

Voted to accept the List of Jurors then Exhibited to them.
A School voted the Currant year

Voted A grammar School the present year and to Divide the money equally in the three parts of the Town and that Lt Baker Ct Pelatiah Brown Ct John Dodge be a Committe to Procure a master and Wood and to regulate the School with regard to the time as they think propper
Then the meeting was Disolved
A True Record Attst Stephen Dodge T Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 13th 1785.

Then agreed with Benja Edwards Jr to take and keep Daniel Clinton one of the poor of this Town on the Conditions following (vis)

Said Edwards is to find Sd Clinton Sufficent meet Drink Washing and Lodging one year from this Date for the Sum of 4/11 pr week and to return his Clothing as good as when Recd. the Doctor and nursing to be paid by the Town in case of sickness in witness of all above We have hereunto Set our hands.
Pound Keeper

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 25. 1785 Then agreed with Daniel Herrick to be Pound Keeper for the Insuing year for the Lawful fees.

Daniel Herrick	Caleb Kimball Isaac Porter Stephen Dodge	Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Selictmen July 25. 1785
Then agreed with Joshua Herrick to do the Service of Sexton one year for the Sum of Seven Dolors

As witness our hands.

Joshua Herrick	Caleb Kimball Isaac Porter Stephen Dodge	Selectmen of Wenham

A True Record of the above agreements from the Orignal
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham this 17th of October 1785 Legally Warned & Conveined Tyler Porter Esq Chosen moderator the following votes ware Passed.

1 Voted to raise £200 for to defray the charges of the currant year

2nd. article in the Warrant Dismissed

3d Voted to repair the monement over the Rev. Joseph Gerrishes Remains in Our burring yard.

4th Voted to chose a committee of two men (viz) Tyler Porter Esq—to represent the Town in consequence of the Demand of Boxford on acct of the Wid Hannah Martine

5ly. Voted that the town treasurer should send his Execution to all the Old Collectors that have not settled their accounts for the time Past.

6ly. Voted to chose a committe to Seat Our meeting house Josiah Obear Jr Richard Friend Leut Baker were chosen for that purpose. then the meeting was Disolved

A true Recd Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk

At an annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Duely Warned and covend the 6th of March 1786 For the Purpose of Choosing Town Officers and other busines as by warrant on file may appear Ct P. Brown moderator the following persons were choses a followeth (vis)

Dea Caleb Kimball Isaac Porter Stephen Dodge	Selectmen

Stephen Dodge Cler

Lut John Dodge T. Treasurer

Amos Batchelder Amos Dodge	Constables
Richard Hood Josiah Ober Jr Wm Dodge	Tything men
Richard Hood Ct Jacob Dodge Wm Dodge	Surveyors of highways
Lut Cor.^{n} Baker Ct John Dodge Ct Pelatiah Brown.	Surv of Fences.
Saml. Ober Thomas Lewis Nicholas Dodge	hogrieves
Joseph Fairfield Ct Pelatiah Brown Wm Dodge	Corders of Wood.
Israel A. Dodge Josiah Ober Jr. Jon^{a} Knowlton	Haywards
Amos Batchelder	Sealer Wts & measures.
Josiah Ober	Sealer of Leather
John Perkins Isreal A. Dodge	Dear rieves
Richard Friend Corn.^{s} Baker.	Wardens.

The above mentioned officers Sworn.

2nd· Voted that the treasurer send his Executions to all the Const— that have not settled with him in three months from this Date except those for the year 1785

3rd· Voted to Leave the affair of Boxford refered to to Tyler Porter Ct John Dodge and Stephen Dodge to settle the same

A true Record from the Original

Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham. On the first monday of April 1786 for the purpose of choos ing Public officers for the Currant year and other busines as by warrant on file may appear.

Votes for the following persons were given in as followeth (vis)

His Excelency James Bowdin Esq. was given 26 votes for A Governor

Thomas Cushing Esq 26 votes for a Lut Governor.

Sam^{ll} Greenleaf Esq	22 votes	For Senators
John Choate Esq	3 votes	
Stephen Choat Esq	19 votes	
Sam$^{l.}$ Holton Esq	22 votes	
Saml Phillips Esq	22 votes	
Mr Benj^{a} Goodhue	22 votes	
George Cabbot Esq	22 votes	

2ly. voted to adjourn the Rev Joseph Swains affair until next may meeting after having Chosen Ct. Pelatiah Brown moderator.

3^{ly} voted to give John Poland ten pounds for his keeping the Child of James Poland Late of Wenham Dec^{d} A number of years Past.

A True Record. attst Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham being Duuly warned and Convened On the 16th of May 1786 To Choos a Representative and other busines

the Question was put whethey they would send — and past in the Negative

Capt Thomas Kimball Chosen moderator.

2nd voted to Continue the Grammer School another year And that the Late committe continue to provide as Last. —

3^{d} voted to dismiss this therd article for the present. - - - -

4th voted the Sum of Sixty Pounds to repair the highways. the Currant year. Labour as before and that all defuint Persons after proper notice be added to the next Town tax.

5th voted to sell the ground On which the two hindermost

Seats stand in Our meeting house on the mens side below And that the Selectmen be Impowered to Sell the same

6ht. Voted to purchase a buring cloth for the use of the Town.

7th voted to abate Thomas Fisk's tax for the time past.
A True Record from the minets
Attst Stephen Dodge T. Cler

3/11d Anna Killam
At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 22 1786. then agreed with Ct Thomas Kimball to keep Anna Killam one of the Poor of this Town, one year from this date for the Sum of three Shillings and Eleven pence pr week on the Cond— following (vis) Sd Kimball is to find sd Anna meet drink washing & Lodging and to return her cloths and goods as good as when he rec'd them, the Doctr and nursing to be paid by the town in case of Sickness
In witness of all above we have hereunto Set Our hands.

Thoms Kimball Caleb Kimball, Stephen Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

The above mentioned persons.
Inventory was £17-13-9

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 22. 1786. Then agreed with Wm Dodge to keep Daniel Clinton one of the Poor of this town one year from this date for the sum of five shillings and three penc pr weak on conditions following (vis) said Dodge is to find said Clinton sufficient meet drink washing and Lodging and to return his cloths as good as when he rec'd them the Docr and Nursing to be paid by the town in Case of Sickness in witness of all above We have hereunto set our hands.

William Dodge Caleb Kimball, Stephen Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

N. B The above mentioned
Persons Inventory was
£1-5-2.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 22 1786 then agreed with Ct Richard Dodge in behalf of Rodie Knowlton to keep the W^{d} Jane Knowlton one year from this date for three shillings pr week on the conditions following (viz) Sd Dodge is to find the Jane sufficient meet Drink washing and Lodging and to return her clothing and goods as good at the end of the year as when they Recd them. The town is to pay the Doc^{r} and Nursing in Case of sickness In witness of all above we have hereunto set our hands----------

Richard Dodge Caleb Kimball Selectmen
Isaac Porter of
Stephen Dodge Wenham

N.B. the above sd Jane
inventory was £9-8-2

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Weham July 25th 1786. Then agreed with Joshua Herrick to perform the duty of Saxton One year from this date for the sum of 55^{s}/
As witness our hands.

Caleb Kimball } Selectmen
Joshua Herrick Stephen Dodge } of
Wenham

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 25th 1786 then Agreed with Daniel Herrick to be Pound Keeper in this town One year from this date for the Lawful fees as Witness Our hands

Caleb Kimball Selectmen
Daniel Herrick of
Stephen Dodge Wenham

A true record of the above agreement from the minets
Attest. Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham this 16th of Octo^{r} 1786.

Tyler Porter chosen moderator. then adjourned the meeting to the 6th of Novr. at 3 oclock after noon.

On the adjournment on the said 6th day of Nov--------
Voted to raise £220 to defray the charges of the town the year currant

2nd voted to make an addition to the ground that they voted to sell in Our meeting house on the 16th of May last (that is to say) so much as to make it as wide as Mr. John Friends pew on the other side

3d. Article dismissed. then the moderator disolved the meeting

A True Record Attest

Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Perambulations between Wenham & Beverly

We the subscribers having mett this 4th of Ocbm 1786.

In Order to perambulate the Line & Renue the bounds between The town of Wenham and Beverly have proceeded in the manor following (vis)

Beginning at a White Oak tree standing in Lt Cornelius Bakers wall marked W-B-D- thence running a straight line South 71 deg and 30 miles East to a Stone in Ct George Crowningshields orchard sett in the ground marked W. B Distance 84 poles, and from said stone to Alfords stone is a straight line which is South 80 deg and 30 miles East 341 poles. thence to a corner of a wall on the East side of the Country Road 3½ feet S: of an apple tree standing to the N: of Charles Dodges Land formerly owned by Balch marked W-B. hence to a stake and stones in Peter Woodburys land 3½ feet N.: of a poplar tree marked, thence to a stone in or near the wall on the S: side of the highway A few rods to the E: of Jacob Edueard's barn one rod ½ Northerly of an apple tree marked W. B. thence to a Stake & Stones near Larcoms Corner (so called) marked W. B. thence to a heap of Stones on the East side of Longham meddow, then to a stake and stones on the East side of rack coon marsh (so called) thence to a White Oak stump in wall formaly owned by Nath' Dodge marked W: B. thence turning Northerly to a White Oak tree on gravely Ridge marked W: B with stones about it thence more Easterly to a stump in Prestons Corner 3 feet southerly of a walnut tree marked W:B. thence to a stake and stones in a straight line from Prestons corner afore said to a pine tree marked which is A Bound between manchester Wenham & Beverly &C.

John Lovett[4th] } Selectmen of Beverly
Joseph Wood }

Caleb Kimball } Selectmen of Wenham
Isaac Porter }

A True record from the Original
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

Perambulation between Wenham & Manchester
Pursuant to an appointment of Manchester and Wenham.
We the Subscribers this 13th day of Nov 1786 have convend in order to Perambulate on the Line and renew the Bounds between Said Towns as followeth (vis)
Begining at the heap of rocks at Beverly Corner from thence to a pine tree marked W: M from thence on said line until we come to Dodges Stump being the bounds between Ipswich Manchester & Wenham

Isaac Porter } Selectmen of Wenham
Stephen Dodge }

Francis Craft } Selectmen of Manchester
John Cheever }

A true record att Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Perambulation between Danvers & Wenham

We the Subscribers being Lawfully authorized to perambulate on the Line between the towns of Wenham and Danvers have this 29th of Nov. 1786 mett for that service and have Proceeded as followeth (vis)
Begining at a white oak tree marked D: W: B. standing in the wall between Land of Maj. Billy Porter and Lt Cornelius Baker, thence Norwesterly to a stake and stones at or near the head of Leaches middow at the Easterly end of the Divisional Wall formerly between Porters & Andrews' land, thence to a stake and stones standing on the Westerly side of the East End of Wenham Causway which is the Bounds between Wenham & Porters Farm thence to a stake and stones standing at the Westerly end of Wenham Causway About Six poles to the Westwards that being a corner bounds between Wenham Danvers & Topsfield.

Stephen Putnam } Committee from Danvers.
Joseph Porter }
John Sheldon }

Caleb Kimball } Selectmen of Wenham
Stephen Dodge }

A True Record from the Minets
Attst Stephen Dodge Town—Clerk.

We the Subscribers having met this 29th Nov.m 1786. In order to perambulate the Line & renue the bounds between the towns of Wenham and Topsfield have Proceeded as followeth (viz)

Begining at a stake & stone near Wenham Causway (so caled) being a bound between Wenham Topsfield & Danvers From thence running N. 36½ East 117½ poles to A Stone marked W: T: by a wall thence N. 15 East 82½ poles to a stone marked W: T: at the N. E. corner of Robinsons Island so caled thence N. 20½ East 60 poles to A Stake & Stone at the South West corner of Wenham Island so caled thence N. 58½ East 29 poles to the River at the N. W. corner of Wenham Island thence Easterly by the River to Ipswich Line ec.

David Perkins Jr } Selectmen of Topsfield
Roger Balch

Caleb Kimball } Selectmen of Wenham
Stephen Dodge

A True record from the Original
Attest Stephen Dodge Town Clerk.

March meeting
To Chose Town officers

At an annual town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham March 6th 1787 Capt John Dodge chosen moderator the following persons were chosen into office (vis)

Deac Caleb Kimball
Isaac Porter } Selectmen
Stephen Dodge

Stephen Dodge Town Clerk

Lt John Dodge Treasurer

John Friend } Constables
Nathan Brown.

Abm. Edwards James Friend	Tythingmen
Maj. Billy Porter Isaac Porter Ct Richard Dodge	Surs highway
Sam[l] Ober Ct Thomas Kimball Wm Dodge	Sur[s] of Fences.
Lt Israel A Dodge Tomas Lewis Jon[a] Knowlton	Hog Reives
Joseph Fairfield Dan[l] Herrick Wm Dodge	Corders of wood.
Tomas Kimball Jr Richard Friend Abr[m] Edwards	Haywards.

Amos Batchellor sealer W & ms
Josiah Ober Sealer of Leather

Thomas Webber John Perkins	Dear rieves
Daniel Herrick Jon[a] Knowlton	Wardens.

2nd voted that the colectors bring every person whos abilety they suspect to the assessors for abatement with in one year from the date of his tax bill or suffer the loss him self in case of his default.

3[d] Gave in 32 votes for Michail Hurley Esq County Treas[r].

Maj. Billy Porter Grand Juror for the currant year

Then the moderator Disolved the meeting.

A true record. Attst Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Governors meeting

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham duly warned and regularly assembled April 2nd 1787. for the choise of Public officers & other business As by warrant may appear

James Bowdin Esq	6 votes	
John Handcock Esq	31 votes	for A Governor
Benj[a] Lincoln Esq	20 votes	For a Lt Governor
Tho Cushing Esq	16 votes	For a Lt Governor

Sam[l] Holton	23 votes	Senators.
Israel Hutchinson	19 "	
Aaron Wood	19 "	
Peter Osgood	20 "	
John manning	19 "	
Peter Coffin Esq	19 "	
Benj Goodhue	4 "	
Stephen Choat	3 "	
Saml Phillips	3	
Tristam Dolton	4	
Jno Greenleaf	4	
John Choat Esq	1	

Tyler Porter Esq chosen moderator the following votes past.
voted the Sum of 60£ to reparin the highways the currant year
Voted that the Ser[s] be impowered to clear the highway in the winter season if need be after the tax is worked out within 3 days.
Voted that all deficent persons that refuse to work after notice be fined for them selves and team as much as per day as they are alowed in the summer season for their labor which is to be as last year
Voted Thomas Fisk to be under the care of the Selectmen
voted that Nath[l] Davisons tax be abated for the year 1786
A True Record attst Stephen Dodge, Cler

In the evening of the above mentioned day was sold by the Selectmen at public vandue to Ct Richard Dodge the ground on which the two hind seats stand in our meeting house for Seven pounds agreeable to the vote of the Town the 6 of November 1786

May meeting 1787

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham May 18th 1787 for the purpose of choosing A repre-

sentative and other business as by warrant on file may appear The Question was put wether they wold send or not & past in the Negative. Then Tyler Porter Esq was chosen Moderator for the remaining part of the business

voted to continue the Grammer School for an other year Voted that Richard Hood L[t] John Dodge & Amos Dodge be a committee to provide for said School

Voted the Selectmen be a committee to repair the meeting house as they think proper

then the Moderator Declared the meeting disolved

A True record Attst Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Bridge meeting

At a Legal town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham June 22nd 1786

Tyler Porter Esq moderator the following votes were past (vis)

Voted to Petition the general Court Liberty to erect a Bridge over beverly Ferry.

Voted to choose a committee of three men to form a petition

Voted that Cp[t] John Gardner Tyler Porter Esq and Stephen Dodge be a committe for that purpose.

Then the moderator declared the meeting disolved

A true record attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

Anna Killam let out 2/10/w

At a meeting of the Selectmen, Wenham June 22nd 1787. Then agreed with the Wid Rebecar Cole to board Anna Killam one of the poor of this town one year from this date for the sum of 2/10[d] per week. Said Rebaca is to find said Anna sufecant meet drink washing lodging and to return her goods and clothing as good as when She recd them the town to pay the cost in case of sickness for nursing & Doc[r]. in witness of all above we have hereunto set our hands.

	Caleb Kimball	Selectmen
Rebecca Cole	Isaac Porter	of
Inventory £17-1-7	Stephen Dodge	Wenham

Daniel Clinton 4/1.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 22nd 1787. then agreed with Abm Edwards to take and keep Daniel Clinton one of the poor of this town one year from this date on the consideration following (vis)
Said Abm is to find said Daniel sufficent meet drink washing & lodging & is to have 4/1d pr week for the same & is to return his Clothes as good as when he recd them, the town to pay Docr & nursing in case of sickness, in witness of all above we have hereunto Set our hands

Caleb Kimball
Inventory £1-7-2 Isaac Porter
of Clintons cloths Stephen Dodge

At a meeting of the Selectmen Wenham June 22 1787 then agreed with Joseph Fairfield to Board Thomas Fisk and his wife one year from this date, on the Conditions following (vis)
Said Joseph is to find said Thomas & wife sufficent meet drink washing & lodging & is to have 5/9 P week for the same & is to return their clothes & goods as good as when he recd them & the town to pay Dec and Nursing in case of sickness in witness of all above we have hereunto set our hands

N. B. the inventory Caleb Kimball
of sd Fisks Estate Isaac Porter
£10-5-10 Stephen Dodge
Joseph Fairfield

At a meeting of the Selectmen Oct 15th 1787
Then agreed with Abm Edwards to find Jane Burn her wood from this time till the first of May next for £2-19-0
A true record from the minuts

Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Sexton agreement

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 25th 1787. Then agreed with Joshua Herrick to perform the duty of A. Sexton in this town one year from this date
For the sum of 42s/ as witness our hands

Caleb Kimball Selectmen
Isaac Porter of
Daniel Herrick Stephen Dodge Wenham

At the above meeting agreed with Daniel Herrick to be poundkeeper One year from this date for the Lawful fee as witness our hands

	Caleb Kimball	Selectmen
	Isaac Porter	of
Dan[l] Herrick	Stephen Dodge	Wenham

A true record of the above mentioned agreements
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Oct. 30th 1787.
Tyler Porter Esq chosen moderator.
voted the sum of £200 pounds for the currant year
voted that the money now rased be paid in six months after it is assessed & that no orders shall be Recd in the payment of the above mentioned sum of £200 except Mr Swain, or a discount whare the town Oweth on Interest
voted to accept the List of Jurors then presented & that the Selectmen be a committee to separate them
voted to dismiss the 3[d] article in the warrant respecting building A bridge over Beverly Ferry
A True record Attest Stephen Dodge T. Cler
At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham this 4th of Nov 1787.
Tyler Porter Esq moderator
voted to choose 2 men as agents to represent them at the Hon[le] General Court now siting in Boston, to satisfy the Legeslature of the proporiety & reasonableness of the Petition of George Cabot Esq & others respecting building A bridge over Beverly Ferry
Voted that Cap[t] John Gardner & Capt Richard Dodge be the men for the above said purpose
then the Moderator disolved the meeting.
A true Record attst Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Preambulation Ipswich & Wenham

We the Subscribers having met this 22nd of Dec[m]. 1787. For the purpose of preambulating the Line & Renewing the Bounds between Ipswich & Wenham in the following maner (vis)

Begining at Dodges Stump so caled thence to a hemlock tree marked on the edge of the upland on the West side of the Brook, thence to a white oak tree marked in the wall thence to a hemlock marked thence to a pine stump with stones about it thence to a stake & stones on the North side of Snake hill thence to a White Oak stump near Ezra Knowltons house thence to a white oak tree in Nath[1]. Powland land marked thence to a walnut stump in John Gardners Land thence to the highway to a post in the wall near said Gardners house thence to a walnut tree in the corner of Batchelders land near to Perkins house thence to a hemlock tree marked in herricks land near pleasant pond, thence to a hemlock tree marked on hemlock island thence to a beach tree marked on fowlers Island. marked thence to A white oak tree marked thence to A Nail maple so caled.

Caleb Kimball Isaac Porter Stephen Dodge	Selectmen of Wenham	Nath[1]. Wade Jon[a]. Lamson	Selectmen of Ipswich

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham. On the 19th of Dec[r] 1787

Tyler Porter Esq Moderator.

1-Voted to abate Dan[l] Kilhams Poll Tax to the town since he had been confined

2nd The Question was put whether they wold abate Peter Dodge his poll Tax for the last year and it past in the Negative, then the meeting was ajourned to the 26th of this Dec[m] at two oclock afternoon.

A delegate chosen

On the adjournment on the said 26[tn] of Dec[r].

voted that Mr Jacob Herrick be a Deligate to represent town at a convention to be holden at the State house in Boston, on the second Wednesday of Jany next in order to take under consideration the late Constitution or form of government proposed for their assent & radifidion.

A True Record attest Stephen Dodge T. Cler—

At an annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham March ye 1788

Capt. John Dodge Chosen moderator the folowing persons were chosen into office (viz)

L^{t} C Baker Lt J. Dodge Richd Dodge	Selectmen sworn.

Richard Dodge Town Clerk.—Sworn

Isaac Porter Town treasurer Sworn

Maj. B. Porter Capt J. Gardner	Constables Sworn.

John Friend Eb^{n} Porter Capt John Dodge	Surveyors of highways

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Capt. P. Brown Jno Thilden Capt T Kimbal	Surveyors of fences.

James Friend Daniel Herrick Jnoth Knowlton	hog riefs

Joseph Fairfield Daniel Herrick Ens^{n} Wm Dodge Rich Friend	Corders of wood.

Lt Isreal A. Dodge Jona Knowlton	haywards

Amos Batchaller Sealer W & meas

Josiah Ober sealer of Leather

John Perkins Sam^{ll}. Fisk	Dear reifs

Jno Friend Benj^{a} Edwards	Wardens.

The 2nd article in the Warrant for the afore sd meeting referred to the Selectmen

3ly Voted Richd Dodge Lt John Dodge & Isaac Porter be a Committee to repair the Meetinghous
4 Article adjourned to Aprel meeting
5ly Voted that Capt P. Brown Mr Stephen Dodge & Isaac Porter be a Committey to meet a Committey from Ipswich to settle the line from the nale maple to Topsfield line
A true record from the Minets Attst

Richard Dodge T. Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Duly Warned & Regularly assembled this 7th Day of Aprel for the Choice of Governor & Senet & other business as by warrant may appear viz

John Hancock Esq	13 vots	Governor
Elbridge Gerry	10 vots	
James Warren Esq	12 vots	Lt Governor
Benj Lincon Esq	12 vots	
Azor Orne Esq	14 vots	
Samuel Holton Esq.	8 vots	
Samll Philips Esq	12 vots	
Jon Greenleaf	6 vots	
John Choat Esq	6 vots	
Stephen Choat Esq.	5 vots	
Aaron Wood Esq	10 votes	
Coll Isreal Hutchinson	10 vots	
Tristom Dolton	10 vots	
Richard Ward	10 vots	
Daniel Killam	12 vots	
Peter Osgood	11 vots	
John Maning	9 vots	

2ly. Voted 60 Pounds to repair hi ways to be assesed on sd Towns acct the same rate as labor has ben set for several years past.
3ly. voted to abate Mr Daniel Killam Pol tax to the State.
4. voted that the Constables for the futer may Warn Town meetins by puting up Notifications as the Selectmen shall Direct

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This agreament Maid by & between Cornelius Baker and John Dodge and Richd Dodge Selectmen of Wenham and a Comity for sd Town and Joseph Knowlton of Beverly Marriner all in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Witniseth that where as the Town of Wenham a for sd hath for sum time past Suported the Wid^{o} Jane Knowlton mother to the sd Joseph Knowlton the sd Joseph Knowlton agreas and promies that fer ye futer to maintain his sd mother Jane Knowlton so that the Town of Wenham after sd shall know no futher Cost or Charge fer hur suport During hur natural Life, and the a for sd Cornelius John & Rich^{d} as Selectmen or Comitey in behalf of ye sd Town of Wenham Do promise to Give to the sd Joseph Knowlton two Cords & half of hard wood and not to tax the a for sd Wid^{o} thirds aneuly during hur natural Life. in witnis of all above Riten we have hereunto set our hands this 13th of may 1788

Joseph Knowlton

Richard Dodge
Cornelius Baker

Selectmen of Wenham or Comitey

We the subscribers Chosen a Commitey of the Town of Ipswich and Wenham at there annuel Town meetings held March 1788 to Sette the line between the sd Towns from the Nail Maple to Topsfield line have attended that Service and are agread that the line runs as followeth (viz)

from the the White Oak standing on Fowlers Island so coled to the Nale Maple & so on a continued course to the fenc dividing land of Dec^{n} Soloman Dodges from Wenham Island so coled from thence as the fence now standeth to the River thence as the sd River runs up to the Line between Topsfield & Wenham

Wenham March 14th 1788.
Attest Richd Dodge T. Clerk.

Paletiah Brown
Isaac Porter
Stephen Dodge
} Committee for Wenham

Nath^{ll} Wade
Jon^{ll} Lamson
} Committee for Ipswich

Attest or true records from the Return

Richd Dodge T. Cler

May meeting

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled May the 16th 1788 for the purpos of Chusing a Representative to Send to the General Courte the Currant Year and other bisnes as by Warrant on file may apear the Vot was put whether thay or the Town wold send one or know. Past in the negitive then Decn Caleb Kimball was chosen Moderator to finish the other businis (viz)

2ly Voted not to continue the Grammer School the year insuing

then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved.

A true record from the Minites

Richd Dodge T. Cler

Persuant to a advertisment Dated ye 14th of June 1788 in order to hire out the Poor of the Town of Wenham to those persons that may appear to take them for the loest sum, on friday, the 20th Day of sd June, the Day being come a nomber of the inhabitants being assembled at the house of Tyler Porter Esq for the a bove purpos, the Selectmen proceeded to set up the following poor on these Conditions (viz) the Persons to home they should be struck of shall find sd poor sutable victuals Drink washing and Lodgin and keep their Cloths and other houshold goods that they may have in as Good repair as when they Rec'd them and in case of sicknes the afor sd Town is to pay the Doctor and nursing (viz) Thos Fisk & wife bid of by Ens William Dodge at 5/5 Pr week.

Daniel Clinton to Tho. Kimball at 5/pr week. and transfurd to Benj Edwards for the same

Anna Killam to Thomas Clark at 3/7½ pr weak.

A true record from the minits

Richard Dodge T. Cler

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham assembled this 17 Day of Oct 1788

Tyler Porter chosen Moderator

Voted Not to rase any money at this meeting.

2ly Voted that the Selectmen Set a price for Digin graves the Curront Year

3ly Voted that this meeting be ajorned to fryday next.
the Day of ajornment being com the meeting Disolved.

Voted that the Selectmen sett a price on Digin graves & rung the bell for funerales (viz) for Diging a Grave for a Groon person 5/— for a Child two Shillings for ringing the Bell for a Funeral 2/ test Richard Dodge T. Cler

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Att a Legal Townmeeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Dec ye 18th 1788 in order to give their Votes for a Representative to set in the Congress of the United States
Voted as followeth (viz)
Doct Samll Hotton Esq 20 Votes for a Representative—
for Electers or Candidates for Electors George Cabot Esq 15 votes
for the President & Vice President Samll Phillips Esq 14 votes
Benj. Goodhue Esq 1 vote
A true record from the minits
Richard Dodge T. Clerk.

Att a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Jan 29th 1789. in order to Give in their Votes for a Reprisentative to set in Congress of the united States agreable to a precept for the above purpose the Hon. Benja Goodhue 16 Votes
Attest Richd. Dodge T. Clerk.

Wenham Dec ye 2d then a Greed with Simon Dodge to find the Wido J. Burn three Cord of Wood at 13/pr cord and Joseph Knowlton two Cords and half of wood at 16/pr cord.
Cornelius Baker
John Dodge Jr.
Richd Dodge T. Clerk.
Att a annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Marchthe 3d 1789
Assembled in order to Chuse Town Officers for the currant year
Mr Stephen Dodge Moderator the folowing persons were Chosen into office viz Richd Dodge Town Clerk.

Lu^{t} Cornelius Baker
Lu^{t} John Dodge } Selectmen
Richd Dodge

Isaac Porter Town Treasurer

Lu^{t} James Kimball } Constables
Ens William Dodge } sworn.

Lu^{t} C. Baker
Jacob Dodge Jr } Surveyors of highways. sworn
Nicholas Dodge

Thos Kimball
Nath^{el} Porter } Surveyors of fences sworn.
Isaac Dodge

Lu^{t} C. Baker
Lut John Dodge } Hogreifs
Richd Dodge

Amos Batchelder Sealer of weits & measures

Jon^{a} Knowlton
Daniel Herrick
Thos. Webber } Hawards. sworn.
Lu^{t} Israel A. Dodge
Lu^{t} Jno. Dodge

Joner Ober Sealer of Leather

Amos Dodge } Tithenmen
James Friend
James Friend sworn.

A True Record from the minites

Richard Dodge Town Cler

2^{ly}. Voted one hundred and thirty pounds to Defray the rising Charges of the Currant Year.

3 Voted thurty Pounds to keep a Destrick School the Present year then the Moderator Desolved the Meeting

A True Record from ye Minites

Richd Dodge Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham this 6 Day of April 1789
Assembled for the purpos of Giving in their Votes for Governor Lu^{t} Governor and Senators and other busines as Pr Warrant on file appears (viz)
for Governor his Exelency J. Handcock Esq 22. the Honorable James Bodwin Esq 4
For Senators

Azor Orne Esq	15	vots
Sam^{ll} Phillips Esq	13	Ditto
Sam^{ll} Holten Esq	18	Ditto
Jon^{a} Jacson Esq	15	Ditto
Nath^{el} Dane Esq	10	Ditto
Doct J. Manning Esq	7	Ditto
Doct D. Killam	9	Votes
Peter Osgood Esq	7	Ditto
Col J. Hutchson	5	Ditto
Richd Ward Esq	8	Ditto
Stephen Choat Esq	14	Ditto
Aaron Wood Esq	3	Ditto

For Lut Governor.
Sam^{ll} Adams 8 General Linkoln 18 vots

Then the Town Maid choise of
Tyler Porter Esq for Moderator to finish the other businis
2^{ly} Voted 60 Pounds to repair the highways the Currant year
3^{ly} Voted a commitee of three to repair the Meetinghous
Voted that the Selectmen be a commitey for the above purpos
(Viz) Lt Cornelius Baker Lt John Dodge and Richd Dodge.
att. Richard Dodge Town Clerk.

Division of Fenc between
Thos. Lewis and Sarah Patch Wido

We the Subscribers being Chosen by the Town of Wenham at a Legal Town Meeting on March ye sd 1789 as fenc vuewers and Sworn have bin coled uppon by Tho Lowis of Wenham to Devid fenc betwen him and the Wid^{o} Sarah Patch of sd Wenham on the 17th of March afore sd, Meet

and measured the line of fenc in Despute and found it twelve Rods & one half of a Rod in the hole began at the States Road and set of to the Louis Six rods and one fourth of a rod and from thence Set of to sd Sarah Patch Six Rodes and one fourth of a rod the Parteys being Notifyed were both Present

Apriel ye 15th 1789.

Nata Porter } fencvuers
Isaac Dodge }

A True entry from the return

Richd Dodge Town Clerk.

Dec ye 20th 1790 Then agread with Simon Dodge to find the Wido J Burn 2 Cord & ½ of hard Wood @ 13/pr cord Also a Gread with Richd Dodge To find Joseph Knowlton two Cord & ½ of Wood at 13/pr Cord.

A Greed with Samuel Fisk to ring the Bell one year from June the—1789 for twenty Shillings.

In Persuent to A Notification the thurtenth of June 1789 for the Purpos of hiring out the Poor of the Town of Wenham the Selectmen beng Meet this 21th Day of June To Sett up sd Poor on these Conditions (viz)

the Persons to hom Will take sd Poor for the Least sum or sums shall have them on thes Conditions that is to say the Persones that take them shall find sd poor Sutable Meet Drink washing & Lodgin and keep their Clothes and other houshold furniture in as Good Repair as When they Recd them and in Case of sicknes the Town for sd shall pay for Doct. and Nursing.

Viz. Thos Fisk and Wife struck of to Samll Fisk at 4/6 per Weeck.

Anna Killam to Richd Dodge at 2/11 pr Weech

The Wido Abigal Poland to William Dodge at 1/10 Pr Weeck.

Daniel Clinton to Israel A. Dodge at 5/4½ pr Weeck.

A True Record from the Minutes

Richd Dodge T. Clerk.

We the subscribers Selectmen of Wenham & Danvers have this Day of Febr[a] 1790 meet in order to Preambulate and Renew the bounds be twen said Wenham & Danvers have Preceded as followeth (viz)
begining at a White Oak marked D-W-B. Standing in the wall betwen Maj Billy Porter & Lu[t] Cor— Baker thenc Westerdley to a Stake & Stones at or near Leaches Meado so Coled at the Easterdly end Divisional line formerly betwen Porters & Andrus farmes now owned by Israel Putnam the 3[d] thence to a Stake & Stones standing on the Weasterdly Side of Wenham Caseway wich is the bound betwen sd Wenham & Porter farm so Coled thenc to a Stake & Stones Standing at the Westardly end of sd Case a bout Six poles at the Westard that being the Corner Bounds betwen sd Wenham Danvrs and Topsfield

Davied Prince }
Sam[ll] Page } Selectmen of Danvis

Cornelius Baker }
Rich[d] Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

A true record from ye minits

Rich[d] Dodge T. Clerk.

At an annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham this 2nd of March 1790.
Capt John Dodge Moderator

Capt Richard Dodge }
Lut John Dodge } Selectmen
Stephen Dodge }

Stephen Dodge Town Clerk.

Isaac Porter T. Tres

Thomas Kimball Jr }
Benj[a] Edwards Jr } Constables

Daniel Herrick }
James Friend } Tythmen

Major B. Porter Nathl Porter Abm. Edwards	Sevr Hi-ways
Ct P. Brown Lt Israel A. Dodge Jacob Dodge Jr Sam[l] Ober Isaac Porter Jon[a] Knowlton	Sevr[s] of fences
John Friend Dan[l] Herrick Nathan Brown Jacob Dodge Jr	Hog Rieves
Joseph Fairfield Dan[l]. Herrick Wm Dodge	Corders Wood.
Josiah Ober	Sealer of Lather.
John Perkins Thomas Webber	Hay Wards.
Amos Batchelder	Sealer of W—Mes.
Ct Pal— Brown Nicholas Dodge Jona Knowlton Lut. Israel A. Dodge	Wardens.

James Friend Nath. Porter Lt. John Dodge Ct Rich Dodge Ct John Dodge	Lt Israel A. Dodge Sam[l] Ober Edward Perkins Jno Knowlton Isaac Porter	Field drivers

the above said officers sworn.

2[ly] voted to asses £30 for to support Schools in this town the Currant year £20 of said money the midle & west Ward is to have, the other 10£ the East ward is to have to defray the Charge of a School at their Descression

3ly voted to Assess 110£ to pay the Rising Charges of the Town the Currant year

4ly the Question was put whether the Swine should go at large in this town the year Insuing & it past in the negative.

A true Record from the Original

Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham April 5 1790

In order to give in their vots for a Governor Leut Governor & Senators and other Business as by Warrant on file may more fully appear

His Excelency John Handcock. Esq
26 votes for a Governur

The Hon Saml Adams Esq.
26 votes for a Lt Govenur

Azor Orne Esq	26 votes	Senators
Saml Holten Esq	26	
Saml Phillips Esq	26	
Jona Greenleaf Esq	26	
George Williams Esq	26	
Stephen Choate Esq	7	
Dr Danl Killam	19	

Capt Pelatiah Brown moderator for the remainder of the present Meeting.

2nd Voted £60 to defray the charge of repairing the highways the currant year & that Labour be sett as last year

3rd Voted £120 for to pay the towns Debts that they are Indebted on Interest & that no orders be Recd' as payment for any part of the above Said sum & that Maj B. Porter & Nichalas Dodge be Colectors for to colect the Same.

4ly Gave in 34 vots for Stephen Choat for A County Treasurer

5ly The Question was put whether thay wold reconsider the vote past at march meeting respecting the swine going at large the present year and It past in the negative then the Moderator declared the Meeting disolved

A rue record from the Minits
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk.

May Meting

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham for the purpose of Choosing A Representative On May 14 1790 the Question was put whether they wold Send any person to represent them at the Great & General Court, the currant year, & it past in the Negative then the Selectmen Desolved the Meeting

A True Record from the Minits
Attest Stephen Dodge Town Clek

Poor let out

At a meeting of the Selectmen June 21st 1790
Then provided for the poor of Said town in the following manner (viz)

These persons that take them are to provide meet drink washing & Lodging & to make their Clothes & goods as good at the End of the year as when they Red'd them. in case of sickness the Doctr & nursing is to be paid by the town.
Danl Clinton struck of to Benj Dodge. for 6/ pr week.
Thos Fisk & wife to Joseph Fairfield for 5/6½ per —
Anna Killam to John T. Dodge for 3/11 pr week.
Abigail Poland to Stephen Dodge for 2/ pr week.

A true record from the original
Stephen Dodge T Cler

N.B. they also agreed with Danl Herrick to be pound keeper the currant year

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Sextons agreement

In the Evening of the above said day the Selectmen agreed with Joshua Herrick to preform the Service of Sexton in this Town one year from this date for the Sum of 12/
Stephen Dodge T. Cler

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Oct. 4. 1790
In order to giue in their votes for a Representative to represent them in Congress of the United States & they gave in the following votes (viz)
20 vots for Benja Goodhue Esq.
2ly voted to accept the List of Jurors as they now stand in the Box after haveing Chosen Capt R. Dodge Moderator

3[ly] Chose Maj Billy Porter Lu[t] Cor Baker & Stephen Dodge a Committe to agree with Cap[t] Richard Dodge on what terms they would Settle his demand mentioned in the 3[d] article of this Warrant then the meeting was disolved

Attest Stephen Dodge T. Cler

March Meeting

At an annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham March 1. 1791 Cap[t] John Dodge Chosen Moderator The following votes were past.

Stephen Dodge Town Clerk.

Cap[t] Rich[d] Dodge
Lieu[t] John Dodge } Selectmen
Stephen Dodge

Isaac Porter Town Treas.

Samuel Ober
Edward Perkins } Constables

James Friend
Amos Dodge } Tything men

Richard Hood
Isaac Porter
Amos Dodge
Wm Dodge
Jon[a] Knowlton
Benj Edwards Jr } Surveyors of high ways

Jacob Dodge Jr
L[t] Israel A Dodge
Nicholas Dodge } Survs of Fences.

Lut Israel A. Dodge
Abm Edwards
Edward Perkins
Joshua Orne
Dan[l] Herrick } Hog Rieves

Cap[t] Thom Kimball
Richard Wood
Edward Batchelder
Ct Rich[d] Dodge
Dan[l] Herrick } Hay wards.

Joseph Fairfield
Dan[l] Herrick
Nicholas Dodge } Corders of Wood.

Amos Batchelder S-W-measures
Josiah Ober S-Lather
Thomas Webber Dear Reivs
N.B. the aboue officers all Sworn Except Jno[a] Knowlton & Edmond Batchelder & Thomas Webber.
2[ly] Voted to raise 120£ to defray the rising charges of the Town the Currant year
3[ly] voted that the swine be shut up the 10th of this Instant March .
4 voted Cap[t] Richard Dodge & Isaac Porter & Amos Dodge be a committe to repair the steeple of our Meeting house
5 voted that Maj Billy Porter Sell the paper money that is now in the Treasurers hands & purchase cloth & linining to make two burying cloths (viz) one large one Small for the Towns use at his descresion
6[ly] Gaue in forty votes for John Pickering Esq for a County Registor then the Moderator declared the meeting disolved & it was disolved accordingly
Attest Stephen Dodge T. Cler

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham April the 4. 1791 in order to choose a Governor Lut. Governor & Senators & other business as by Warrant on file may appear
Gave in 25 votes for his Exelency John Handcock Esq for Governor
Gave in 25 votes for Sam[l] Adams Esq for Lieut Governor

Stephen Choate Esq	23 votes	for Senators
Samuel Holton Esq	23 votes	
Azar Orne Esq	23 votes	
Samuel Phillips Esq	23 votes	
Theophilus Bradbury Esq	23 votes	
George Williams Esq	23 votes	

Then maide choise of Tyler Porter Esq for a moderator
2[ly] voted 60 pounds to repair the highways the currant year
3[ly] Gave inn 26 votes for Stephen Choate Esq for A. County Treasurer
4[ly] voted to dismiss the fourth article in the warrant
5[ly] voted 40£ pounds for the use of a school the Insuing year to be equaly divided in each district—then the moderator declared the meeting desolved & it was accordingly desolved
A True Record Attest Stephen Dodge T. Clerk

At a Legal town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham on the 3d day of may 1791.
In order to Chouse A representative to attend the General Court on the Last Wednesday of may Instant & did then Elect Maj Billy Porter for the above said Purpose & he declined serving then the town made Further trial & voted not to send any person.
After which Maj Porter Consented to sarve & his acceptance was declared
Then the meeting was disolved by the Selectmen
Atest Stephen Dodge T. Cler

Poor let out

At a meeting of the Selectmen June 20th 1791 In order to provide for the poor of this town & did Provide for them on the usual maner (viz) the person that takes them is to find them sufficient Meat drink Washing & Lodging, their goods & their Clothing to be returned at the years End as good as when they Recd' them. Incase of Sickness the town is to pay the Doctr & nursing —
Anna Killam Struck of to Benja Edwards for 3s/4d.
Thomas Fisk & wife to Tho Kimball Jr for 5/5 pr week
Wid A Powland to Stephen Dodge for 2/2p week.
In the evening of the above said day did then agree with Joshua Herrick to perform the duty of Saxton one year from this day for Six Shillings
Also agreed with Dan Herrick to be pound-keeper the year Insuing.
A true Entry Attst Stephen Dodge T Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Oct 24th 1791.
Maj Billy Porter Moderator
Past the following votes (viz)
1st voted to Adjoin the Towns of Ipswich Gloucester & Manchester in a Petition to General Court Respecting the Cattle going at Large in our Common Land.
2d voted Stephen Dodge & Capt Richard Dodge be a Committe for the above Said purpose.
3ly voted to Accept A List of Jurors as they now Stand in the box. then the meeting was disolved
Attst Stephen Dodge T. Cler

We the Subscribers having met this 29th of Nov 1791. In order to perambulate the Line & Renew the bounds Between the Town of Wenham & Topsfield have proceaded as follow-with, Beginning at a Stake & Stones near Wenham Cosway (so caled) being a bound Between Wenham Topsfield & Danvers, thence N. 36½ East 117½ Poles to a Stone marked W:T. by a Wall thence N 15 East 82½ poles to a stone Mark'd W-T at the N.E. corned of Robinsons Island (So caled) Thence N. 20½ E 60 poles to a stake & stones At the S.W corner of Wenham Island (so caled) thence N. 58½ East 29 poles to the River at the N W Corner of Wenham Island, thence Easterly by the River to Ipswich Line &c —

Nath[1] Fisk John Peabody jr	Commite for Topsfield	Stephen Dodge John Dodge Jr	Selectmen of Wenham

We the Subscribers having meet this 21st day of Novr 1791. In order to perambulate the Line & Renew the bounds between the town of Wenham & Beverly have proceaded as followeth (viz) Begining at a White Oask Tree in Lt Cors Bakers Wall Marked W:B:D then on a Straight Line S 71½ East to a stone in Maj Billy Porters Orchard set in the ground marked W:B. Distance 84 poles & from said Stone to Alfords Stone is a straight Line S. 80½ East 141 poles thence to a stone near Lieut James Kimball Wall marked W:B., thence to a Corner of A Wall on the East Side of the Country Road 3½ feet South of an Apple Tree Standing to the N of Charles Dodges Land marked W:B thence to A stake & stones in Peter Woodburys Land 3½ feet North of a poplar tree marked, thence to A Stone near the Wall on the South Side of the highway a few Rods to the East of Jacob Edwards Barn one Rod ½ Northerly of an apple Tree Marked W:B., thence to A stake & stones near Larcoms Corner (so Caled) Marked W:B. thence to a heap of stones on the East side of Longham meddow, thence to a Stake & Stones on the East Side of Rack coon marsh (so Caled), thence to A White Oak standing in the wall formarly owned by Nath[1] Dodge marked W:B. then turning Northwardly to A White Oak Tree on gravely Ridge marked W-B with Stones about it, thence more Easterly to a Stump

in Prestons Corner 3 feet Southerly of a Walnut Tree Marked W:B. thence on a straight Line to a pine Tree marked, which is the Bounds between Manchester Wenham & Beverly.

Samuel Cole John Conant	Selectmen of Bevrly	Stephen Dodge John Dodge 2nd	Selectmen of Wenham

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Town of Manchester & Wenham to perambulate On the Line & Renew the Bounds between Said Towns have Pursuant to Such appointment Convened on the first of Nov 1791 & Renewed the bounds Begining at the heap of Stones at Beverly Corner, From thence to A Pine Tree Marked W:M, thence on Said Line till we Come to Dodges Stump (So Caled) Which is the Bounds Between Ipswich, Manchester & Wenham &c —

Richd Dodge Jona Knowlton	Committee for Wenham	Wm Tuck Francis Craft	Committee for Manchester

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The three Foregoing Perambulations have been Examined And Recorded by me
Attest Stephen Dodge Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham April 2nd 1792 Voted that the Price for labor on the Highway is as follows 4/pr day each man 1/8 pr Day each yoke of oxen 1/8 Pr day each cart 1/4 Pr Day each horse
John Dodge Jr T. C

At an annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants Town of Wenham March 6th 1792.
Tyler Porter Esq Chosen moderator the Following Vots were Past (viz)
John Dodge Jr T. Clerk.
Ct John Dodge
Richard Hood } Selectmen
John Dodge Jr
Isaac Porter T. Tresr
Edmund Batchelder
Jacob Dodge Jr } Constables

James Friend } Tything men
Amos Dodge }

Lt Israel A. Dodge }
Isaac Dodge } Surveyors of highways
Ens. William Dodge }
Ct Richard Dodge }

Ct Jon[a] moulton } Surveyors of Fences
Isaac Porter }
Jacob Dodge Jr }

John Baker }
Tho[s] Lewis } Hog reaves.
Ens. William Dodge }

Samuel Obear }
Edmond Batchelder }
Isaac Dodge }
Isaac Porter } Haywards.
Edward Perkins }
John T Dodge }
Beniamen Edwards. Jr }

Joseph fairfield } Corders of Wood.
Daniel Hirrick }
Ens William Dodge }

Amos Batchelder Sealer of W[t] & measures
John Hooker Sealer of Lether

the foregoing of officers all Sworn Excepting Ens William Dodge Dan[l] Herrick

Tho[s] Lewis.

2nd Voted the Seleitmen £4/10 for their services the Current year.
3[ly] Voted to raise 120£ to Defray the rising Charges of the Town the Currant year
4[ly] Voted 40£ for Schools.
5[ly] Voted that Maj Billy Porter Ct Richard Dodge Tyler Porter Esq Dea Caleb Kimball be a Committee to Consult Mr Swain & Surply the Desk at their discretion till April next and then mack report then the moderator declared the meeting Desolved & it was desolved accordingly

Attest John Dodge Jr Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham April 2th 1792.

In order to Choose a Governor Lut Governor Senators & other Business as by Warrant on file may appear.

Gave in 23 Votes for his Excelency John Handcock. Esq. for Governor.

Gave in 23 Votes for Samll Adams Esq for Lut Governor.

Stephen Choate Esq	16 votes	
Samuel Holton Esq	17 votes	
Azor Orne Esq	18 votes	
Samuel Phillips Esq	15 votes	
Theophilus Bradbury Esq	14 votes	For Senators
Daniel Thirston Esq	13 votes	
Richard Ward Esq	4 votes	
Jon.a Greenleaf Esq	4 votes	
Doct manning Esq	1 vote	

Then made Choice of Tyler Porter Esq. for moderator

2ly Voted £70 to repair the highways the Currant year

3ly Gave in 26 vots for Stephen Choat Esq for a County Treasurer

then the moderator Declared the meeting Disolved.

Ens William Dodge }
Nathaniel Porter } Hag Reives
Chosen } and Sworn

A True Record attest John Dodge, Jur., T. Cler

At a Legal town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham on the 2nd Day of may 1792 in order to Choose a representative to Attend the General Court on the last Wednes Day of may Instant and Did then Elect Maj Billy Porter for the above said purpose and other Bisness as by Warrant will appear then the town made Choice of Ct John Dodge for a Moderator.

1. Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the twentieth of June next at Four o clock afternoon at the usual place of holding town meetings

A True Entry

John Dodge Jr T. Cler

At a Legal town meeting Held by an adjournment this twentieth Day of June 1792 Ct John Dodge moderator
1. Voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of three men.
2.[ly] Voted that John Dodge Jr Cap[l] John Dodge and Cap[l] Pelatiah Brown be a Committee to assist Mr Swain in surplying the desk till the first tus Day in Sept next and then Mr moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned and it was accordingly adjourned to the first Tusday in Sept 1792 at five oclock afternoon at the usual Place of holding town meetings

A true Entry John Dodge Jr T. Cler

At a meeting of the Selectmen June 20-1792
In order to Provide for the Poore of this town and did Provide For them on the usual manner (viz) The Person that take them is to find them Sufficient meat drink washing and Lodging their goods and their Clothing to be returned at the years End as goods as when they recd them In case of Sickness the town Is to Pay Doct. and nursing.
The wid[o] fisk struck of to Ct Tho[s] Kimball for 0-0-4½ per week in favor of the town Anna Killam struck of to Jona Hobbs for 0-3-2
wid A. Powland to Benj[a] Edwards. Jr for 0-2-2.
In the Evening of the above said day did agree with Joshua Herrick to Proform the duty of Saxton one year from this Day for 7[s] shillings also agried with Daniel Herrick to be Pound keeper the year Insuing

A True Entry John Dodge Jr T. Clerk

The above agreement in Truly recorded
Attest John Dodge Jr T. Clerk

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham on the Forth Day of Sept 1792. held by an adjournment Ct John Dodge moderator the following vots were past. (viz)
1.[ly] Voted to Choose a committee of three men
2.[ly] Voted that Ct John Dodge Tyler Porter Esq & Dea Stephen Dodge be a Committee to Lack out for a Candaite and to surply the desk and to make provision for the charge

Till the first tues day in January next and then make a report.
3ly Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Tusday in Jany 1793 and then Mr moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned at four o clock after noon.

A true Entry John Dodge Jr. T. Cler

Taken up by the subscriber in october 9-1792 Six stray sheep and one black Impounded in Wenham Town Pound three without any mark one with a slit in Borth ears one with borth Ears Croft one with a crop in the off Ear and a Slit in the Same with a nick in the under Side of the same.

Samll Obear hayward

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham on the Second Day of Novr 1792 in order to give in their vots for four Reprisentatives for the next Congress of the United States.
2ly to give in their votes for Five Electors of the President & vice President of the United States.

For Representatives

Gave In for the Honl Benjamin Goodhue	22	Votes
For the Honl Samll Dextor, Jun.	22	
For the Honl Doc William Eustis	22	
For the Honl Fisher ames	22	
Theophilus Person Esq	1	
Docr William Eustus at. Large.		

For Electors

Gave in For the Honl azor orne	22	votes
for the Honl theophilus Person	22	
for the Honl Frances Dana	22	
for the Honl Encres Sumner	22	
for John Coffin Jones Esquire	22	

A True Record John Dodge Jr. T. Cler

Pramblating Ipswich and Wenham 1792

We the Subscribers having meet this Nineteenth Day of Novr 1792.

For the Purpase of Perambulating the Line Renewing the Bounds Between Ipswich and Wenham in the following maner (viz)
Begining at Dodges Stump so Coled thence to a Himlock marked on the edge of the upland on the west Side of the Brook thence to a white oak tree marked in the wall thence to a himlock marked thence to a pine stump with stones about it thence to a stake & stones on the North Side of Snake hill Thence to a white oak stump near Ezra Knowltons house thence to a White oak Tree in Nathaniels Polands Land marked thence to a walnut Stump in John Gardners Land thence to the highway to a post in the wall Near said Gardners house thence to a walnut Tree in the Corner of Sam^{el} Batchelders Land near to Perkins house thence to a himlock Tree marked in Daniel Herricks Land near Pleasant Pond thence to a himlock Tree marked on himlock Island thence to a Beach Tree on Fowlers Island marked thence to a white oak Tree marked thence to a nail maple so Caled.

John Dodge Sr. Richard Hood.	Selictmen of Wenham.	Jona Lamson Edmund Patch	Selictmen of Ipswich

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At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham on the Twenty Six Day of Novr 1792
Tyler Porter Esq Chosen moderator
Did but meet and adjourn to the thirteth Day of Nov 1792 at 3 o clock after noon.

A True Entry John Dodge Jr T. Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the thirtieth day of November 1792. held by an adjournment Tyler Porter Esq Moderator the Following Votes were Past (viz).
First Voted that the Revend Mr adoniram Judson be Invited to be The Minister of this Town in Concurance with the Churches Late Choice
2ly Voted that the Sum of Sixty pounds Lawful money be offered the Reverand Mr. adoniram Judson for a Settlement to Geather with the use of the Towns Parsonage and a free Contribution

3ly. Voted that the Sum of Ninty five pounds Lawful money be offered the Reverd mr adoniram Judson for a yearly salary to be paid annualy or in a meadium Equivalent their to that shall be Currant at the Time of Payment duering his Continuance in the Ministry and Surplying the desk among this people.
4ly. Voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of five men to lay your Preposals before the Rev^{d} adoniram Judson
5ly. Voted that Capt John Dodge Maj. Billy Porter Capt Richard Dodge Richard Hood John Dodge Ju^{n} be a Committee for the above Purpose.
6ly Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to Friday the fourtenth Day of December Next at Two oclock after noon at the usual Place of holding Town Meetings.
A True Entry

John Dodge Jr T. Cler

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the fourteenth Day of december 1792.
Held by an adjournment
Tyler Porter Esq Moderator the following Votes were Past (viz)
first Voted that the Meeting be adjourned one hour at this Place
2ly Voted that the sum of Sixty pounds be leaved on the Polls and Estates within this Town as Soon as may be wich is a sum voted at a Town Meeting on the thirtenth day of Nov last for a settlement For the Rev^{d} Mr Judson.
3ly Voted that Capt Richard Dodge Maj Billy Porter Capt John Dodge Richard Hood John Dodge Jun. be a Committee to make provision for a Counsel that may be Convened for the instalment of the Reveand adoniram Judson at the expense of the Town.
4^{ly} Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to first Mounday in Jan^{ry} Next at two o clock after noon at the usual place of holding Town Meetings
A. True Entry John Dodge Junr T. Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham

on the First monday in January 1793. Did meet and disolved the Meeting.

A True Entry John Dodge J^r T. Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham on the Fourteenth Day of Jan^ry 1793 in order to give in their votes for one Representative to represent the first district (viz) Suffolk Essex Middlesex in Congress of the united states of america and they gave in For the Hon Sam^el. Holton Esq 15 vots.

A True Entry. John Dodge Ju^r T Cler

Wenham April 16th 1794

upon aplication made to us the subscribers by Joseph Fairfield of Sd wenham against the heirs of Daniel Gott late of wenham Dec.^d.

Their fence being insufficient betwix said Fairfield & heirs and first we have set of and Layd out to the said heirs begining at a stake & stones By the highway Extending Northeasterly by Sd Third twenty seven Pools to a apple tree stump from thence Easterly eleven Pool & two tenths of a pool to a stake & stones in the meddow by Sd thirds and buts upon Timothy Leach one of Sd heirs. the northeasterly half We have set of to the said heirs and the Esterly half we have set to the said Fairfield.

A True Entry — Thos Kimball, Abraham Dodge } fence Viewer in Wenham

John Dodge Ju^r T. Clerk.

March meeting

At an annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham March 5th 1793.

Capt. Pelatiah Brown Chosen moderator

The following vots were past. (viz)

John Dodge Jr — Town Clerk

Capt John Dodge, Richard Hood, John Dodge Ju^r } Selectmen

Isaac Porter	Town Treasurer
John T. Dodge Sam^{el} Batchelder	Constables.
Enos Gallop Abraham Edwards	Tything men.
Lut Cornelius Baker Tyler Porter Esq. Josiah Swett	Surveyors of Highways
Joseph Fairfield Jacob Dodge Capt Pelatiah Brown	Surveyors of Fences
Sam^{ll} Obear Daniel Herrick Abraham Edwards Nathaniel Kimball Edmund Batchelder Abraham Dodge	Haywards
Joseph Fairfield Daniel Herrick John Dodge^{3d}	Corders of Wood.
Amos Batchelder	Sealer of Waits & measures
Isaac Dodge	Sealer of Leather
Abraham Edwards John Baker Lut^{n}. Israel A. Dodge Daniel Herrick Capt Richard Dodge Nicholas Dodge Isaac Porter Enos Gallop	Hog. Rieves

2^{ly} voted the Selectmen three pounds for their services and to pay their own Expenses the Insuing year.

3^{ly} voted nintyfive pounds for the Revn^{d} mr adoniram Judson salary. Dea Stephen Dodge Chosen Grand Juror for the year 1793

Then the moderator declared the meeting disolved and it was Disolved accordingly.

A true Entry John Dodge Jr T Cler

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham April 1st 1793. In order to Choose a Governor Lut Governor Senators and other business as by Warrant will appear on file.
Gave in 30 vots for his Excelency John Handcock Esq for Governor Gave in 30 vots for the Hon Samll Adams Esq for Luit Governor Gave in 40 vots for the Hon Saml Holton for a Representative to represent the first District in Congress of the united states of america.

For Senators

Gave in 24 vots for azor orne Esq.
Gave in 24 vots for Nathan Dane Esq
Gave in 24 vots for Stephen Cross Esq
Gave in 24 vots for Joseph Wengate Esq
Gave in 24 vots for John manning Esq
Gave in 24 vots for Peter osgood Esq
Gave in 24 vots for Samll Phillips Esq
Gave in 1 vote for Theophilus Bradbury Esq
Gave in 1 vote for Daniel Thurston Esq.
Gave in 1 vote for Israel Hutiheson Esq
} For Senator

Gave in 7 vots for Stephen Choate Esq for County Treasurer Gave in 26 vots for Thos Burnham Esq for County Treasurer. Then made choice of Capt John Dodge for a moderator.
2ly voted 60 pounds to repair the highways the Currant year
3ly voted that oxen horses & carts be cut down one third in the usual Price for Labour on the highways
4ly voted 30£ to surport a school the Insuing year
5ly voted 25£ to defray the rising Charges of the Town the Currant year
6ly voted that the Reverand mr Adoniram Judsons Sallery be Paid Quartiley
Then the moderator Declared the meeting Disolved. A True Record.
Capt Richard Dodge John Dodge Jur T Cler
Abraham Knowlton
Jacob Dodge cho: haywards

Daniel Herrick Excepted by the Town to serve as a Constable and to do a turn in feavour of Samuel Bachelder for year 1793.

At a meeting of the Qualified voters march 4th 1794. Voted the Selectmen & Town Clark six pounds for their services for the year 1794—the Clark to have forty shillings and the four pounds to be Divided

John Dodge Junr T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 20th 1793. In order to Provide for the Poor of said Town and did Provide For them them in the usual manner the Person or persons that tackes them Is to find them sufficient meet Drinck washing & Lodging and to return their Goods and their Clothing as good as when they rec'd them and in Case of sickness the Town to Pay Doctor & nursing.
The Wdo Abagail Poland struck of to Capt John Dodge for 3s/9d. pr Week

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At a town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham March 4th 1794 Capt John Dodge Chosen moderator The following votes were past (viz)

John Dodge Jun Town Clerk

Capt John Dodge
Richard Hood
John Dodge Jr
} Selectmen

Ensign William Dodge T Treasurer

Nathaniel Porter
Aaron Lee
} Constables.

James Friend
Peter Dodge Jr.
} Trything men

Richard Hood
Isaac Porter
Nicholas Dodge
} Surveyors of highways

Thoms Kimball Jr
Daniel Herrick
Abraham Dodge
Capt Richard Dodge
} Survayors of fences

Lt Cornelius Baker
Nathaniel Porter
Edward Perkins
James Friend
Isaac Porter
Abraham Knowlton
} hog rieves

Joseph Fairfield
Daniel Herrick } Corders of Wood.
John Hooker

Sam^{el} Obear
Joseph fairfield
Edmund Batchelder
Jon^{a} Knolton } Haywards.
John T. Dodge
Edward Perkins
Abraham Dodge

Amos Batchelder Sealer of wet^{s} & measures

Sam^{el} obear Sealer of Leather

Nathan Brown Dear rieve

2^{ly} Voted £95 For the Revrand Mr Judsons salary
3^{ly} Voted £36 to surport a school or schools
4^{ly} Voted that the Extream part of the Estward of this Town known by the Name of little Comfort is to have three pounds out of the above said sum of thirty six pounds.
5^{ly} Voted to Choose a Committee to examine A Petetion from Edward Waldron
6^{ly} Voted that Tyler Porter & Dea Stephen Dodge be the committee and make report at the next meeting
7^{ly} Voted that horned Cattle shall not goe at large in the highway the year insuing
8^{yl} Gave in 36 votes for Stephen Choate Esq for County Treasurer
Capt John Gardner Chosen Grand Juror and then mr Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly
The above officers sworn.
Attest John Dodge Ju^{r} T Clerk.

At a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham April 7th 1794. in order to give in their votes for a Governor Liut Governor and Senators & other business as will fully appear by the Warrant on file
Gave in 24 votes for the Hon Sam^{el} Adams for a Governor

Gave in 1 vote for the Hon William Cushing for a Governor.
Gave in 24 votes for mr Thos Russel for a Liut Governor.

Azor orne Esq	25 votes	For Senators
Sam^{el} Phillops Esq	25 votes	
Theophelus Bradbury	24 votes	
Nathan Dane Esq.	12 votes	
Doc^{t} Manning	12 votes	
Stephen Choate Esq	8 votes	

Then made Choise of Capt John Dodge for a moderator.
2nd Voted £30 to Defray the rising Charges of the Town the Current year
3^{ly} Voted £60 to repair the highways the Currant year.
Then the moderator Declared the meeting Disolved and it Was accordingly Disolved

A True record attest John Dodge Junr T. Cler

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June 20. 1794 in order to Provide for the Poore of sai dTown in the following maner (viz).
The persons that take them are to provide meat drink washing and Lodging and to make their Clothing and Goods as good at the end of the year as when they recd them in Case of sickness Doct and nursing To be paid by the Town
Abigail Poland bid of by Nathan Brown for 0:3:7:½ per week.
Wed^{o} marg^{t} Pars & Daughter Mary bid by Ens William Dodge for 0:4-7 pr week on the above said day agreed with Joshua Herrick to Perform the service of saxton for one year from the above date for the sum of 30/ agreed with Daniel herrick to be Pound keeper the Currant year

A true. Record from the original

John Dodge Ju^{r} T. Cler

Agreeable to the above said Provision for the Poor of this Town or agreement we have hereunto subscribed our names

Richard Hood
John Dodge Jr
John Dodge
} Selectmen of Wenham

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Octo^{r} 6th 1794.
Capt John Dodge Chosen moderator
1^{ly} Voted a Bounty to each man to Inlist into the service of the united states.
2^{ly} Voted 12/ as a bounty to each man that shall inlist
3^{ly} Voted to each man pr month wilst in the service of the united states Twelve Dollars to gether with the State pay
4^{ly} Voted to choose a Committee Consisting of three men to affect an act of the General Court in taking a plan of this Town.
5^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the above porpos then the moderator Declared the meeting Disolved
A True Record attst John Dodge Ju^{n} T Cler

At a meeting of the Qualified voters on the first monday of Novr 1794.
In order to Give in their votes for a representative to represent the fourth middle Destrect in Congress of the united states.
Gave in to the Selectmen thirty six votes for Theophelus Bradbury Esq of Newbury port for the above porpos.
A True record Attest John Dodge Jun. T Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Jan 12th 1795.
In order to give in their votes for one representative to represent the fourth middle District in Congres of this United States of America.
Gave in for the Hon. Bailey Bartlett 9 vots
Attest John Dodge Jun T. Cler

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Jan. 14th 1795. Then agreed with John T Dodge to provide for Capt Joseph Knowlton two cords & a half of hard wood hauled to his house for one pound three shillings & six pence pr cord.

John T Dodge — Capt John Dodge, John Dodge Jr } Selectmen

on the above sd day agreed with Ensn. William Dodge to take and keep the Wid^{o} Bun one of the Poor of this Town

from the Fourteenth of January 1795 to the 20 of June following for the consideration of 0:4:11 per week

Ensn William Dodge

John Dodge Jr
Rich Hood
Capt John Dodge } Selectmen of Wenham

Wenham may 12th 1796 upon complaining made to us the subscribers by Thos Kimball Jr of said Wenham against Amos Putnam Esq and mary his wife both of Danvers he refusing to Divide or fence upon the line against said Kimballs land known by the name of the old rye field and the said mary Thirds having notified the Parties we having met upon said line the Parties being present we have Divided the line as followeth. viz we order that the sd Kimball shall begin at the highway and make and keep in repair a good and lawful fence fourteen & a half Poll. we order that the said mary shall begin were the said Kimball leaveth of and make and keep in repair a good lawful fence running to the northerly corner of the old rye field fourteen and a half Poll.

A true Copy from
the minutes

Lut. Israel A. Dodge
James Friend } Surveyors of fences

Attest John Dodge Jr Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham march 3th 1795. And Did but meet and adjourn to the tenth Day of March at nine oclock in the morning. Tyler Porter Esq chosen moderator.

Attest John Dodge Jr. T. Cler

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham march 10th 1795 Held by adjournment in order to Choose Town officers and other Bisnes as by Warrant will more fully appear. Tyler Porter Esq chosen moderator the following persons were chosen into office—(viz)

John Dodge Jun. Town Clerk

Joseph Fairfield
Benja Edwards
Daniel Herrick } Selectmen

Ct. Pelatiah Brown T Treasurer

Jon[a] Porter } Constables
Abram Edwards }

Edmund Bachelder } Tythingmen
Adam Reddington }

Ct Pelatiah Brown } Highway Surveyors
James Friend
Ensn. William Dodge

L[t] Israel A. Dodge } Survayors of Fence
Edmund Batchelder
Ensn William Dodge

C[t] James Kimball } Hog rieves
Ct Pelatiah Brown
John Hooker
Dea Stephen Dodge
Joseph Fairfield

Joseph Fairfield } Corders of Wood.
Tyler Porter Esq
Nicholas Dodge

James Friend } Hay wards
Enos Gallop
Daniel Herrick
Abr[m] Knowlton
Abr[m] Dodge

Edmund Batchelder Sealer of Waits & measures
Isaac Dodge Sealer of Leather
Ensn William Dodge } over sears of the Poor
Ct Pelatiah Brown }

2[ly] Voted to except of Dea Stephen Dodge as a collector to collect the Taxes leved on the Eastward of the town for the year 1794.

3[ly] Voted that Selectmen Leay their Proseadings in respect of the Towns account before the Town at the annual meeting at the Close of the year

4[ly] Voted that the money voted be leavied in the month of may the year insuing

5[ly] Voted that the Constables settle the contents of their lists with Treasurer by the first Day of march next.

6ly Voted £3 for the services of the Selectment the year insuing
7ly Voted 20 for Clerks fees.
8ly Voted £15 for the Reverand mr Adoniram Judsons salary.
9 Voted £30 to suport a school or schools the year insuing
10 Voted £100 to Defray the rising charge the year Current.
11yl Voted to Dispass of the Libiary now in the hands of Tyler Porter Esq.
12ly voted the propritors of a school belonging in the middle District of this Town a Peace of the Towns land on the Easterly side of the highway near the meeting house & to set a school house on.
13ly voted to choose a Committee Consisting of three men to take care of and repair the meeting house
14ly voted that Isaac Porter Tyler Porter John Dodge be the Committee for the above purpos.
Gave in 11 vots in favour of Joseph Fairfield to serve as a Grand Juror the Insuing year and then mr moderator Declaired the meeting Desolved and it was accordingly Desolved.

Attest John Dodge Jur T. Clerk.

At a meeting of Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham March 23th 1795.
In order to give in their votes for a Representative to represent the forth middle District in Congress of the United States of America
Gave in for the Hon Theophelus Bradbury 22 vots
Then made Choise of Capt Pelatiah Brown for a moderator.
2ly voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of three men in order to seat the meetinghouse
3ly voted that Capt Richard Dodge Richard Hood & Isaac Porter be the Committee for the above Purpose and then mr moderator Declaired the meeting Desolved and It was accordingly Desolved.
A True Record attest John Dodge Jr T C

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Qualified voters of this Town Wenham on the first monday in April 1795 In order to give their votes for Governor Lt. Governor &

Senators as by warrant may more fully appear and other bisniss Gave in for his Excelency Sam[ll] Adams 22 votes for a Governor Gave in for the Hon Elbridg Geary 22 votes for a Lt Governor

Sam[el] Holton Esq	22 vots	For Senators
Azor orne Esq	22 vots	
Sam[ll] Phillips Esq	22 votes	
Stephen Choate Esq	20 votes	
Nath[n] Dane Esq	20 votes	

Then made Choise of Cap[t] John Dodge for a Moderator
2[ly] voted 60£ to repair the highways the currant year.
3[ly] Gave in 20 votes for Stephen Choate Esq for County Treasurer
Then mr moderator Declared the meeting Desolved.
A True record from the minuts
Attst John Dodge T. Cla

At a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham may 6th 1795 In order to Choose a meet Person to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth and other busniss as by warrant may more fully appear. it was put to vote to see if the meeting would Choose sum person for the above purposs and it past in the negative.
Gave in 20 votes in favour of the revising of the Constitution made Choice of Tyler Porter Esq for a moderator
voted that the Selectmen be a committee to arrect guide posts at the several corners of roads in this Town agreeable to an act of Court.
A true record from the minuts
Attest John Dodge Jr T. C.

At a meeting of the oversears of the Poor of this Town June 22th 1795. in order to provide for said poor and did Provide for them in the usual manner the persons that takes them is to provide for them sufficient meet Drink washing and lodging in case of sickness the Town to pay Doctors & nursing.
the Wid[o] Abagail Powland bid of by Joshua orne at 0:3:10 per week the wid[o] Burn bid of by Benj Edwards at 0:5:1 per week.

A true Entry from the minuts from said overseeears.

Cap[t] Pelatiah Brown } oversears
Ensn Wm Dodge }

John Dodge Jr T Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham March 1st 1796 In order to Choose Town officers and other bisnes as by warrant may more fully appear. Tyler Porter Esq Chosen moderator at said meeting the Persons hereafter named were Chosen into office viz

John Dodge Jr T. Clerk.

John Dodge Jr
Ensn William Dodge } Selectmen
Nathaniel Porter

Tyler Porter Esq T. Treasurer

Jon[a] Knowlton } Constables
Addm Reddington }

Nathan Brown } Tythingmen
Israel Friend }

Lt Israel A. Dodge } Surveyors of Highways
Isaac Porter
John T Dodge

Edmund Batchelder Sealer of waits & measures

John Hooker Sealer of Leather

Tyler Porter Esq } oversears of the Poor
Nicholas Dodge }

Lt Israel A. Dodge Dodge } Surveyors of Fence
James Friend
Isaac Dodge
Benj[a] Edwards

Israel Friend Lt Car[l] Baker Edward Perkins Dea Stephen Dodge James Friend	Hog Rieves

Joseph Fairfield Ct Richard Dodge Nicholas Dodge	Corders of Wood.

Joseph Fairfield Lt Israel A. Dodge Edmund Batchelder Abm Knowlton Edward Perkins Abr[m] Edwards	Haywards.

2[ly] Voted £95 for the Revn"d mr Judsons salleary £55 for the Poor and other charges & £30 for School or Schools
3[ly] Voted to Choose a Committee consisting of three men to inspect the meeting house relative to repairs of said house and also to examine the highway near Cap[t] John Gardners respective to a petition from Dr Sam[l] Blanchard
4[ly] Voted that Nicholas Dodge Cap[t] Pelatiah Brown & Isaac Porter be a committee for the above purpoas voted that publick worship for the futor begin at ten oclock in the morning on the Lord Day the intermition season one hour from the 20 of November to the 20 of march voted that rams for the futor is not to run at large for the future from and after the first Day of august to the ferst day of November Voted that all rams found running at large within the above said time shall be forfited to the owner.
Gave in 40 votes for John Pickering Esq for a County Registor. and mr. moderator then declared the meeting disolved. and it was.

A true record from the original

Attest John Dodge Jr T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham on the first monday of April 1796. in order to give in

their votes for a Governor Lt Governor and Senators and other bisniss as by warrant may more fully appear.
Gave in 16 votes for his Excelancy Sam^{el} Adams for Governor.
Gave in 23 votes for the Hom. Judg Sumner for a Governor
Gave in 18 votes for the Hon. Moses Gill for a Lt Governor
Gave in 10 votes for Hon Sam^{ll} Phillops for Lt Governor.
Senators
Gave in 32 votes for the Hon. azor orne
32 votes for the Hon Sam^{el} Holton
32 votes for the Hon. Stephen Choate
32 votes for the Hon Sam^{el} Phillops
32 votes for Joseph Lee
Then made Choice of Tyler Porter Esq for a moderator.
2^{ly} Voted £60 To repair the highways the present year
3^{ly} Voted that the Town Tax be levied in the month of may and the Constables to collect the same one half in three months the other half within the year
4. Voted that all orders be drown on the Treasurer and be Presented for payment within the year or be lost
5^{ly} Voted that all the Towns accompts be settled with the Treasurer within the year
6^{ly} Voted 2D14 and to repair the meeting house the present year
Voted to Choose a committee Consisting of three men in order to Carry the repairs of the meetinghouse into Execution
7^{ly} Voted that Ct Pelatiah Brown Isaac Porter and Richard Hood be a committee for the above purpose Ct. John Dodge one of the oversears of the poor John Hooker chosen hogreeve
8. Voted 15 Dollars for the Services of the Selectmen for 1796
Then mr moderator Declared the meeting disolved and it was Disolved accordingly.
Attist John Dodge Jr T Clerk.

Odd records on last page of Vol. III.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Decr 20: 1762
The several warrants for warning out Persons out of The

Town who were not Inhabitants were Issued out (viz) William Rogers forom Topsfield Josiah Trow and others from Beverly all Taken in By Eliza Gott widow. Old Laundree and others French Nutrals Taken in by Dr Putnam of Danvers Joseph White and wife French Taken in by the wid Eliza Kimball John May and wife Taken in by Benj[a] Edwards Junr or Will[m] Taylor of Beverly.

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an account of (what) was Expended at William Rogers,s by the Selectmen in the year 1749

May 5	
to one mug of Drink & Paper	0-1-7
to one mug of Drink	0-1-6
to one mug and half of punch	0-3-9
to one mug of Drink and a sheet of paper	-1-4
May 17	
to Drink	0-3-4

TOWN RECORDS OF WENHAM

VOL. IV

At a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham April 25.th 1796 Capt Samel Blanchard chosen moderator.
1st Voted unanimously in favor of the Establishment of the Treaty Between Great Britin and the United States of America.
A True Record attest John Dodge Jr. T. Cler

Wenham June 20 1796 then agreed with Sarah Burn to keep her Mother Burn for one year at the rate of one Doller pr Week and the said Sarah promises to provide for her mother in sickness and health
As Witness our hands
Tyler Porter } oversears of the
Capt John Dodge } Poor of Wenham
A True record from the minuts
Attest John Dodge Jr. T. Clerk.

Att a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham on the 7 Day of November 1796 In order to give in their votes for one Elector of President and vice President of the United States.
2n to give in their votes for one representative to represent the Fourth Middle District in Congress of the United States and other bysness as by Warrant May more fully appear.
Gave in 42 votes for the Hon. Saml Philip Esq for an elector
Gave in 42 votes for the Hon. Saml Blanchard For a Federal representative.
Then made choice of Tyler Porter Esq for a Moderator
1. It was put to vote weather the Town would Paint our meetinghouse and it Past in the Negative
2. It was put to vote weather their should be any Further repairs take place on said meeting house and it Past in the negative.

3[ly] Voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of three men to Examin said meetinghouse relitive to repairs
4.[ly] Voted that Capt. Pelatiah Brown Rich[d] Hood and Isaac Porter be a Committee for the above Purpose
Then Mr Moderator Declared the meeting Desolved
A True record. Attest John Dodge Jun T Clerk

March Meeting 1797
Att annual Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham March 7th 1797. the Following votes were Past. (viz)
Tyler Porter Esq chosen moderator.

John Dodge Jr T. Clerk.

John Dodge Jur Nathaniel Porter Ensn. William Dodge	Selectmen

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Nathan Brown Nathaniel Kimball	Constables

James Friend Edmund Batchelder	Tything men.

Lt Israel A. Dodge Isaac Porter John T. Dodge	Surveyors of Highways

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Lt Israel A. Dodge Capt Pelatiah Brown Abraham Knowlton James Friend	Surveyors of Fence

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Lt James Kimball Uzziel Dodge Joshua Orne Capt John Dodge Lt. Cornilus Baker	Hog Reeves.

Tyler Porter Esq Ens. William Dodge Joseph Fairfield	Corders of Wood.
Lt Israel A. Dodge James Friend Paul Porter Edmund Batchelder Abraham Edwards Jon[a] Knowlton	Haywards.
Edmund Batchelder Sealer of Wts & measures	
Sam[el] Obear	Sealer of leather
Joseph Fairfield Isaac Dodge	over seers of the Poor
Isaac Dodge T. Treasurer	

The above officers sworn.

2nd Voted that all the Town orders now on file With the Towns Papers shall be distroid forth with.

3[ly] Voted 15[d] dollers for the servises of the Selectmen.

4[ly] Voted that the Constables Pay into the Treasurer one half of the Town tax within Three months from the Date of their Lists and the other half by the first of march following or Forfit their Collection.

5[ly] Voted 633[d]:33[cents] to defray the rising Charges of the Town the Insuing year out of that sum one hundred dollers to support schools in the several Districts to be equally Divided.

6[ly] Voted 10[d] for the use of a school at the Extreme Part of the East ward.

7[ly] Voted 100[d] to repair the steeple of our meeting House.

8[ly] Voted to Choose a committee Consisting of three Men to repair Said Steeple.

9[ly] Voted that Cap[t] Pelatiah Brown Richard Hood and Isaac Porter be a Committee For the above Purpos then mr moderator Declared the meeting Desolved.

A True Record attest John Dodge Jr T. Cler.

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the first monday of April 1797.
In order to give in their votes for a Governor Lt Governor and Senators and other bisness as By warrant may more fully appear.

Increas Sumner Esq	17 votes	
James Sulaven Esq	20 votes	
For A. Governor		

Moses Gill Esq 37 votes For Lt. Governor

Sam^{el} Phillops Esq	35 votes	
Stephen Choate Esq	35 votes	
Ebenezer marsh Esq	35 votes	For Senators
Nathan Dene Esq	35 votes	
John Noris Esq	35 votes	

Then Made Choice of Tyler Porter Esq for a moderator.
the following votes were past viz
2^{ly} voted 2^{d}00 to repair the Highways the Currant year
3^{ly} Gave in 33 votes for Stephen Choate Esq for a County Treasurer.
4^{ly} voted to Choose a Committee of three men to See What sum or sums of money the Town will subscribe for the surport of the Rev^{d}. mr Judson
5^{ly} voted that Capt Pelatiah Brown Lt Israel A. Dodge and Capt John Dodge be a Committee for the above Purpose
6^{ly} voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of three men to take care of and repair our meetinghouse
7^{ly} voted that Ensi^{n} William Dodge John Dodge Jur and Nathl Porter be a Committee for that purpos.
8^{ly} voted that Rams Shall not Goe at large in this Town only in the month of November any ram or rams found going at Large in any other month of the year Shall be forfited to the owner then mr Moderator Declared the meeting Disolved

A True Record Attest John Dodge Jur T. Clerk

Division of Fence

Amos Putnam Thos. Kimball Jr.

Wenham Febuary 1797. upon Complaint made to us by Thos Kimball Jur. of said wenham a gainst Amos Putnam Esq and mary his wife of Danvers they refusing to Divide fence on the petition line between the said Kimball land and the Said mary third we have viewed Said line of pertition on Leaches Swamp so Called and upland adjoining we have Notified the parties and have accordingly meet and Divided said line as followeth (viz) beginning at the Northly Corner of the old rye field so Colled we have layd out and asigned to the said Amos & Putnam and mary his wife teen polls of Stone wall running Southerly to the Stake in the wall to repair and keep in repair from thence Northerly twenty five poll and a half to the stake in the Swamp the Sd Kimball to begin at the above Stake Last named and run to the Ditch twenty Five & a half Poll the above shall be their share of fence to make and keep in repair

Signed by us Israel A Dodge } Fence Viewers
James Friend } of Wenham

Attest. John Dodge Jr T. Clerk.

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham May 15th 1797. in order to Choose a meet Person to Represent them at the General Court of this Commonwealth and then did Elect Capt Sam^el Blanchard for the above purpose. Then made Choice of Capt Pelatiah Brown For a moderator.

2^ly Voted that the Intermition Season on the Lords Day be one hour from the twentieth Day of November 1797 to the Twentieth Day of March following and then mr Moderator declared the meeting Disolved

A True Record Attest John Dodge Jun.

Att a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 3th 1797 then agreed with uzzial Dodge to be Pound keeper For the Ensuing year for the Lawful fees

John Dodge Jur T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July 12th 1797 then agreed with Joshua Herrick to be sackston for the year ensuing for the consideration of the amount of his tax for said year———

John Dodge Jr. T.C.

Division of Fence
Ct. Thos. Kimball Thos. Webber

Wenham. August 21th 1797. we the Subscribers fence viewers Called upon by Ct Thos Kimball to Divide fence with Thos Weber of said Wenham having notified the Perties we have accordingly meet and Divided the Petition line between the said perties as followed viz. Begining at the Corner of Samll Batchelders fence we have Sett off and Laid out thirty two Poll to the said webber to a large Rock in the wall we have set off and laid out unto the said Kimball from said Rock in the wall to the swamp thirty two Poll we have Set of and laid out to the said webber from thence a Croas Himlock Island Eightyfour. Polls to a stake from thence we have Set off and Layd out unto said Kimball Eighty Four Poll to Said Batchelder Corner so Colled we order that the Sd Kimball and Webber shall arrect andmaintain a Good and Lawful fence between them on the Partition Line

Wenham August 22th 1797

Pelatiah Brown } Fence Viewers
Israel A. Dodge } of Wenham.

A True Record from the munites
John Dodge Jur T Clerk.

At. a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the Twenty fourth Day of august 1797.
In order to give in their votes for one Representative to Represent the forth middle District in Congress of the united States of America.
Gave in twenty votes for mr Samuel Blanchard for a Representative

John Dodge Jr. T Clerk.

Division of fence
Jacob Town John Conant

Wenham oct? 1797 we the Subscribers fence viewers Being Colled upon by John Conant of Topsfield to Divide the Petition line between Said Conant and Jacob Town of Said Topsfield we have accordingly meet and Divided Said Swamp line and first we have Set off and laid out unto Said Conant Extending Easterly 49 Polls to a Stake & Stones we have sett off and layd out unto Said Town 49 Polls Extending the same corse

Pelatiah Brown } Fence viewers
Israel A. Dodge } of Wenham

A True Record from the minites
Attest John Dodge Jun T Clerk

Att an Annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham march 6th 1708 in order to Choose Town officers & other bisness as by warrant may appear the following Persons were Chosen into office viz

Capt Pelatiah Brown Chosen Moderator.

John Dodge Jun	T. Clerk.
John Dodge Jr Nathaniel Porter Ensn William Dodge	Selectmen
Isaac Dodge	T. Treasurer
Peter Dodge James Friend	Constables
Nathan Brown Adam Reddington	Tythingmen
Ct Samel Blanchard Ct John Dodge Thos Kimball	Surveyors of Highways

Isaac Porter Lt Cornelius Baker Benj[a] Edwards	Surveyors of Fence
Lt. Cornilus Baker Nathaniel Porter Joshua orne Jonathan Knowlton	Hog rieves
Joseph Fairfield Paul Porter Azor orne	Corders of Wood
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of W & M.
Isaac Dodge	Sealer of Leather
Capt. Rich[d] Dodge Joshua orne Enos Gallop. Abr[m] Edwards Edward Perkins	Hay wards.
Dea Stephen Dodge Richard Hood Jacob Dodge	over Seiars of the Poor

2[ly] voted that the Constables Shall Settle their Collections with the Town Treasurer within the year or forfit their Collection.
3[ly] voted Seventy nine Dollars and seventeen Cents for the Reverend mr Judsons march Payment as an advance.
4[ly] voted $396 and out of that sum his stated salleary.
5[ly] voted $180 to support the Poor
6[ly] voted 200 to support a schoor or schools and out of that sum voted $10 for a school in the Extreme Part of the East ward.
7.[ly] voted 1[d]5 for the Services of the Selectmen Gave in 22 votes for Stephen Choate Esq for a County Treasurer
and then mr Moderator Declaired the meeting Desolved.
A True Record. Attest John Dodge Jur T. Clerk

Prambulation with Danvers

We the subscribers being Lawfully authorized to Perambulate on the Line between the Town of wenham and Danvers having this 28 of march 1798 Meet for that service and Proceeded as followeth viz Beginning at a White oak Tree marked D.:W:B standing in the wall between Land of Ebenezer Porter and Lt Corn^r Baker thence westerly to a stake & stones at or near the head of Leaches meddow to a willow tree marked W: D at the easterly end of the Divisional wall Formally between Porter and Androws Land thence to a Stake and Stones standing on the westerly side of the East End of Wenham Causway which is the Bounds Between Wenham and Porters Farm thence to a stake and stones standing at the westerly end of Wenham Causway about Six Polls to the Westward that being A Corner bound between Wenham Danvers & Topsfield.

Nathl. Webb } Selectmen
Zerub^l Porter } of
Danvers.

John Dodge Jun } Selectmen
Nathl Porter } of
Wenham

April Meeting 1798

At a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the First monday in April 1798. In order to give in their votes for Governor, Lt Governor and Senators and other Bisness as by Warrant may more fully appear his Exe^l Increase Sumner 26 votes for Governor
Moses Gill 26 votes for Lut Governor

Sam^el Phillops Esq	26 votes	
Stephen Choat Esq	26 votes	
Nathan Dene Esq	26 votes	For Senators
John Norris Esq	26 votes	
Sam^el Blanchard	26 votes	

Then made Choice of Tyler Porter Esq for a moderator.
1^ly voted 2^d00 to repair the highways the year Insuing.
2^ly voted 1^d50 to Purchase a new bell for the use of the Town.

3ly voted that the old bell is to be appropriated towards paying for said new belll.
4ly voted to Choose a committee consisting of three men
5ly voted that Cap. Samel Blanchard Ct. John Dodge and Isaac Dodge be a Committee to Purchase said new bell
6ly voted that the Intermition Season on the Lords Day is to be two hours from the first of April to the first of November for the future
7ly voted that from the first of November to the First of April one hour & a half. and then mr moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly.
A True Record Attest John Dodge Jr T Cler

Pound Keeper

Att a meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July th 1798- then agreed with Uzziel Dodge to be Pound keeper for one year For the Lawful fees.

John Dodge Jur T-Clerk.

May Meeting

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the Sixteenth Day of may 1798. In order to Chose a meet Person to Represent them in the General Court of this Common Wealth to be begun & held at the Court house in Boston on the Last wednesday of may 1798 and did Elect Capt Samel Blanchard for the above Purpos then made Choice of Capt Samel Blanchard For a Moderator.
2ly voted to Pass over the Second Paragraph in the warrant.
3ly voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of three men to Petition the General Court for an Act to Regulate the Alwife fishery in Miles River so Colld.—
4ly voted that John Dodge Jun Nathl Porter William Dodge be a Committee
5ly voted to Choose a Committee Consisting of three men to remove all ubstructions that may Prevent the Alwife Passing from the Salt Water up Miles River so Called into the Great Pond in wenham
6ly voted that John Dodge Jur Abraham Dodge and Peter Dodge be a Committee for the above Purpose.

and then mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved
A True record Attest John Dodge J$^{r.}$ T-C.

Att an annual Meeting of the inhabitan of the Town of Wenham March 5th 1799 For the Purpose of Chusing Town officers For the insuing year & other Business as by Warrant May appear & the Following Person was Chosen into office viz.
Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator of Sd Meeting.

Joseph Fairfield	T. Clerk.
Edmund Batchelder Jacob Dodge Thomas Kimball Jn.	Selectmen
Jona^{ll} Porter	T. Treasurer
Uzziel Dodge Abr^{m} Dodge	Constable.
Richard Hood James Friend	Tythingmen
Sam^{el} obear Capt John Dodge Edward Perkins	Surveyors of Highways
Maj. Richard Dodge Richard Hood Edmund Batchelder	Surveyors of Fence
Capt I. Andrew Dodge James Friend Nathl Kimball Jonth Knowlton John Hooker	Hog Rieves
Enos Gallop Paul Porter Isaac Dodge Jr. Abraham Knowlton	Hay wards

Joseph Fairfield Paul Porter Lut. William Dodge Maj Richard Dodge	Corders of wood.
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of Waits & Mes
John Hooker	Sealer of Lather
Isaac Porter Sam^{el} obear	oversears of poor

This the Clerk wrote with a Lame hand the which Dissabled him from writing & said Clerk was Chosen assessor & Refused serving of an Assessor.
The above officers was Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Charge
2^{ly}. Voted To Raise 316 Doll 66 Cents For the Rev Adoniram Judson Salary For the Present year which is his stated salary.
3^{ly}. Voted to raise 150 Doll this School to be Equally Divided into three Parts For the three Wards of sd. Town.
4^{ly} Voted to Raise 150 Dollars For the Support of the Poor in said Town For the Present year
5^{ly} Nothing acted upon the third article of the warrant. Which was to See if the town would raise a Sum of Money For a Singing School & none was Raised.
6^{ly} Said voters Gave in their votes For a County treasurer Stephen Choate Esq 32 Votes.
then mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Dissolved

The bell was put up by the Selectmen
the Ring of the Bell & Saxtons Busines was Put up at Vandue For one year & For the Sum of 4 Dollers to Uzzial Dodge.
A true Record From the Minuts. Attest

Joseph Fairfield T Clerk

Att A Meeting of The Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham on the First Monday of April 1799.

in order to Give in their (votes) For Gov^{n} & Leut Gov^{n} & Senators and act upon other Business as Exprest in said warrant

Exalancy increase Sumner For Govn^{n} 38 Votes
Hon. Moses Gill Lut Govn^{r} 40 Votes

Hon. Sam^{el} Phillips Esq.
Stephen Choat Esq
Eben March Esq } 34 Votes. Senators
John Treadwell Esq
Joseph Wood. Esq.

Scatering Votes For
Lut Gov^{n}. Hon Benj^{a} Lincoln 3 vots.
Gov^{n}. Gen^{r} Will Heath 7 votes.
Scatering Senators
Israel Hutchinson Esq 5 Vots
John Manning Esq 5 V—
John Horthon 3
Capt Jacob Crowninshield 5 Vot
Doc Thomas Kittredge 10

The Town then Made Choice of Capt John Dodge For their Moderator

2. Voted $200 to Repair the High way For the Current year.

3^{ly} Voted to Put a Stop to Neat Cattle and horses going att Large in the Highway in said town For the Futer

4^{ly} Made Choice of the Following Persons for Haywards in said Town For the insuing year. Viz

Capt I. Andrew Dodge
Lut Cornelius Baker
James Friend } Haywards.
Samuel Fisk Jun.
Uzzl Dodge
Abraham Edwards

the Following Persons as Surveyors of highways
Jonath Moulton
Lut. Will Dodge
Jonath Knowlton

The Pound & Burying Ground

the Selectmen Let the Pound to Jona^{tl} Porter For 16 cents

For ene year Likewise the Burying Ground was Let to Lut. Will Dodge For $1=66½
then mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly

A True Record From the Minits Attist
Joseph Fairfield T. Clerk.

Division of Fence between
Jacob Town & Joshua Town of Topsfield

We the Subscribers being Fence Vewers For the Town of Wenham have Made an Division Between Jacob Town & Joshua Town on a piece of land joining the Causway viz Joshua begins at the Causway Does twelve Rods & one half at the Westerly End and then said Jacob takes the Easterly end twelve Rods & one half then turning Easterly & Southerly Said Jacob is to Do nine Rods & one quarter that end next to Shor & this Remaining Part is For the said Joshua to do.
Six days Notic Given

Cornelius Baker } Fence viewers
Isaac Porter } Wenham

also another Division between Land Formally owned by Theophelus Fisk and Joshua Town Both late Dece^d it Being Ten Rods For said Jacob Town to Dew and six rods and one half at the northerly End. said Joshua Town this Remaining Part up to the spring.

Wenham ^th 1799. Isaac Porter.
Cornelius Baker

Wenham April 2. 1799 Ser^s of Wenham

A True Record From the Minits
Attest Joseph Fairfield. T Clerk

May Meeting 1799

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham on the Sixth Day of May A. D. 1799 agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth in order to Chus Some Suitable Person to Represent the Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May insuing The Town then Made Chois of Capt Sam^el Blanchard For their Representative.

2ly To see if what meathod this Town would take Concerning the alewif in the River
The Town then Made Chois of Mr Jacob Dodge For their Moderator for said Meeting.
3ly Voted that should be two Days in a week For the purpose of Ketching alwife Fish
4ly Voted that Monday and Friday To be Day For the Purpose of ketching said fish
5ly Voted that thare should be no Fish ketched only by a sean
6ly Voted that their should be a Committee Consisting of three to regulate the ketching of alewife
7ly Voted that Capt Palatiah Brown Lut John Dodge and Nathan Brown bee said Committee.
8ly Voted that those Persons kitching fish on any other Day than is above menthoned shall be Fined thirty Dollars the one half to be paid in to the Treasurer and the other half is For the use of the Committee then mr moderator Desolved this Meeting and accordingly the above said Meeting was Disolved

A True Record From the Minets

Attest Joseph Fairfield T Clerk

July Meeting 1799

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham on the Eleventh Day of July A. D. 1799 agreeable to a warrant From the Selectmen of said Town For the Purpose of seeing what the town would Do in Respect of Making up the Depreation of the Rev Mr Judsons salary or ad any More to his Salary permantly or yearly

Firstly Maj Richard Dodge was Chosen Moderator of said meeting

Voted that thare bee a Committee Chosen to wait up Mr Judson to see what sum or sums of Money would be agreeable to him

Voted there Should be a Committee of two Persons

Voted that Dea Stephen Dodge & Capt Samel Blanchard be said Committee

The Report of said Committee was that it was Mr Judsons Desire to have A Perminent Sum of mony added to his salary & not to raise any Depreciation made up or a Dismissal From said Town & Church as to his Ministration Relations in said Town

Voted unamonously not to make any addition to his salary at all Permently or yearly.

Moved to have said Meeting to be Disolved & accordingly then mr Moderator Declared said Meeting Disolved accordingly it was Disolved

A. True Record From the Minit

Attst J. Fairfield T. Clk.

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the 10th Day of oct 1799 agreeable to a Warrant From the Selectmen of said Town in order to see if the Town would Grant a Sertain Request of the Revd Adoniram Judson expense in addition to his Salary as is sett Forth at Large in said warrant or act anything thereon and the Following votes were passed.

1ly Votd that Dea Stephen Dodge was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2 Votd unimosly to agree with the Rev Ad. Judsons Request as to his Dismission From this Town as to his Ministerial relation with this People

2ly Voted that the Town Ratifi the Rev Ad. Judsons Request by a Councel For a Dismission

3ly Voted by an agrement that Rev Senter be called in Counsel Vis the Rev Daniel Hopkin of Salem the Rev Manassah Cutler of Hamilton & the Rev Ashel Huntinton of Topsfield be sent For to Join in Counsel.

4ly Voted that Tuesday the 15th Day of oct instant is the Day that the Counsel is to meet. at ten oclock in the Forenoon at the house of Patty Lewis inholder in said Town & the Cost of said Counsel is to be at the cost of said Town.

5ly Voted that there be a Committee of three men From said Town in behalf of said town to Join with Mr Judson in Counsel in Ratifying Mr Judsons Charactors

6ly Voted that Dea Stephen Dodge Maj Richard Dodge & Daniel Killam be said Committee for the above purpose

7ly Voted that Mr Judson should have his pay in full for his Salary up to the 15th of oct. instant then Mr Moderator Declared said Meeting Disolved & accordingly said Meeting was Disolved.

A True Record. Attest. J. Fairfield T. Clerk.

Division of Fence Between J. Town & Samll Batchelder

A Division of Fence Bitween Joshua Town of Topsfield & Samel Batchelder of Wenham in Wenham Meadows So Called.

Said Town Begins at the West End of the line Runing Easterly about Sixteen Rods. then said Batchelder taking From thare Still running Easterly about Sixteen Rods to the end of said line of Fence Between them. the said Line Being Run & the Bounds Being Made by us the Subscribers who are appointed Surveyors of Fences for the Town of Wenham for the year 1799.

Corneluis Baker } Surveyors of fences
Isaac Porter } Town Wenham

A True Record From the Minits

Attest J. Fairfield T. Clerk

Nov. Meeting 1799

Att a Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham the 11th Day of Nov. 1799 agreable to a Warrant from the Selectmen in order to Chuse a Committee to Procure a Candidate to Supply this Town with Preaching till the First of March ensuing or at their Discrission there on when Chosen

Doc Daneil Kellam Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

Voted 1ly that thare be a committee chosen for the purpose of Supplying the Town with Preaching

Voted 2ly that the above said Committee shall Consist of five persons

Voted 3ly that Capt John Dodge Dea Stephen Dodge Samll Obear Capt Samel Blanchard & Jacob Dodge be said Committee.

Voted 4ly that the overseers of the Poor shall have Power to settle all the accounts with Eliz Putnam for her Mother as

one of the Poor of this Town or act at their Discression
Voted 5[ly] that the overseers of the Poor Shall have power at Discression to See if the Wid Poland belongs to this Town or where Shee does Belong & Make Report.

A True Record From the Minits

Attest J. Fairfield T. Clerk.

Preambulation of Lines
Between Wenham and Topsfield—1799

We the Subscribers having Mett this 30th Day of Dec[m] 1799. in order to Prambulate ihe Lin & Renew the Bounds between Wenham and Topsfield and have proceeded as Followeth Viz—Begining at a stake & stones near Wenham Casway so called being a Bound between Wenham & Topsfield and Danvers thence N. 36½ East 117½ rods to a stake and stones Marked W.T. by a wall then N 15 East 82½ poll to a stake Marked W.T. at the North East Corner of Robinsons Island (so calld) then N 20½ East 60 Poll to a stake and stones at S. W. corner of Wenham Island so caled then N. 58½ east 29 poll to the River at the N.W. corner of Wenham Island then Easterly by the River to Ipswich Line

John Peabody } Sel-m of Thomas Kimball Jr } Sel m of
John Connant } Topsfield Edm. Batchelder } Wenham

A True Record from the Minits

Attest J. Fairfield T. Clerk.

Perambulation of the line between Wenham & Hamilton

We the Subscribers having Meet this Second Day of Jan[y] 1800

For the Puurpose. Perambulating the Line and renewing the Bounds Between Wenham & Hamilton in the Following Mannor Viz.

Begining at Dodges Stump so called From thence to a Beach Marked on the edge of the upland on the west side of the Brook. From thence to a white oak tree Marked in the wall. From thence to a hemlock Marked From thence to a Pine stump with stones about it thince to a stake and stones on the North side of Snake Hill, From thence to a white oak stump near Ezra Knowltons house From thence to a white

oak tree on Nath. Powland Land Marked From thence to a Walnut Stump in John Gardners Land thence to the Highway to a Post in the wall near said Gardners House. Thence to a Walnut Truee in the Corner of Palatiah Browns Land near to Perkins House thence to a Hemlock tree Marked in Daniel Herricks Land Near Pleasant Pond Thence to a Hemlock tree Marked on Hemlock Island. From thence to a Beech Tree on Fawlers Island Marked thence to a white oak tree Marked From thence to a Nail Maple so called.

George Dodge } Sel^{m}
John Safford } Tor
MalichaKnowlton } Hamilton

Jacob Dodge } Sel men Tor
Edmond Batchelder } Wenham

A True Record from the Minits
Attest J. Fairfield T Clerk.

Febry Meeting 1800

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Tuesday the Fourth Day of Feb 1800 at 2 o clock in the afternoon agreable to a warrant from the Selectmen of Said Town in order to see if the Town would give Mr Moses Dow a Call to settle with them as their Minister in said Town or act any thing thare on agreable to said Warrant.
1^{ly} Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.
2^{ly} Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to Friday Ensuing at 2 oclock in the after noon at this place.

A True Record from the Vots.

J. Fairfield T. Cler

Febry Meeting 1800

Att a Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment on Friday the 7th Day of Feby 1800 at 2 clock in the afternoon
Tyler Porter Chosen Moderator
Firstly Voted that the Town concur with the Church to continue Mr Dow to preach for them till the First of March Ensuing.

2ly that the Town Join in keeping a Day of Fasting & Prayer in Consiquence of their calling a Minister to settle with them in said Town.
3ly Voted that thursday this 20th of this instant be solominised as a Day of Fasting and Prayer
4ly Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to Thursday the 20th Day of Feby after Fast
A True Record From the vot Attest.
J. Fairfield T. Cler

February Meeting 1800

Att a Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment on this day the 20th of Feby instant 1800 at 2 o clock in the afternoon after Fast in order to see if the Town would give Mr Moses Dow a call to settle with said Town as their Minister.
Tyler Porter Esq Moderator of said meeting
1ly Voted that this Meeting be adjourned without Day and and accordingly said Meeting was adjourned with a request for a warrant for to see if the Town would give Mr Moses Dow a Call or act any thing theiron when conveined as Soon as May bee
A True Record from the Vots. Attest
J. Fairfield T. Cler

March Meeting 1800

Att an Annual Town Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham held on Tuesday the 4th Day of March 1800
Firstly. To Chuse a Committee to Supply this Town with som person as a Candidate to preach For them att said Town Pleasure and the Following persons Chosen Moderator of said Meeting viz. Capt Samuel Blanchard Moderator. and the following persons Chosen as a Committee for the above said purpose viz Capt John Dodge Dea Stephen Dodge Capt Samel Blanchard Samuel obear & Jacob Dodge bee said Committee
Sdly. to Chuse Town Officers for the ensueing year and to Raise Money Tor the support of the Gospell in said Town

the currant year and likewise to support School and Poor in said Town as by Warrant May appear viz
The Following persons were Chosen into office

Joseph Fairfield Town Clerk.
The above said Clerk servs the Town Gratis

Jacob Dodge
Edmund Batchelder Select-m
Thomas Kimball Jr

Edw[d] Perkins Town Treasurer

John Baker
Nehemiah Perkins Constables.
Nich Dodge Jr. served as a Turne—for sd Perkins

James Friend
John Baker Jr trythinmen.

Cap[t] Pelatiah Brown
Capt I. A. Dodge Surveyors of High Ways.
Benj Edwards—not sworn.

Luit John Dodge
Luit William Dodge Surveyors of Fences.
Edward Perkins

Jona[th] Knowlton
Abraham Edwards
Paul Porter Haywards.
Enos Gallop
Adam Reddington
Sam[ll] obear

John Dodge
Joshua orne
Abra^{m} Knowlton
Uzz^{l} Dodge — Hogrieves
Jonth Porter
Isaac Porter
Daniel Butman
Caleb Kimball Jr
Cor^{nl} Baker

Capt I A. Dodge
Capt. Sam^{ll} Blanchard — Overseers Poor
John T. Dodge

Sam^{ll} Fisk Jr
John Hooker — Sealer of Leather

Richard Hood
Paul Porter — Corders of Wood.
Nich= Dodge Jr

Edmund Batchelder — Sealer of Weights & Measures

The above said officials was sworn to the Faithful Discharge of their office

Th. ly. Voted to raise $316-66.^{cts} to supply the Town with Preaching the present year

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4^{ly} Voted to raise 150 Dollars to support Schools in said town.

5^{ly} Voted to Raise 200 Dollars For the support of the Poor For the currant year

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6^{ly} Voted To abate the Wid Molly Gently tax supposed to be about 13 Dollars then Mr Moderator Declared sd meeting Disolved & accordingly it was Disolved

The Bell

The Bell was Lett to Joshua Herrick for the sum of 5 Dollars for the ensuing year

A True Record from the minits — Attest
J Fairfield T Clerk.

Church Meeting

Att a Meeting of the Church in Wenham Regularly Convened this eighteenth of March 1800. For the Purpose of Calling a Minister to Sittle in this Town. Dea Caleb Kimball being Moderator

Voted To give Mr Moses Dow a Call to be their Minister

signed Caleb Kimball Moderator

A True Record From the Minits

Attest J. Fairfield T. Cler

April Meeting 1800

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of this Town of Wenham Conveined on on Monday ye 7 Day of April 1800 Att 2 o clock in the afternoon agreable to the Constitution Tor Chusing Gov^{n} & Luit Gov^{n} & Senators agreable to a warrant from the Selectmen of Said Town For the above said Purpose and to act upon other Busines as by warrant on file May More Fully appear.

Voted For the Hon. Caleb Strong for Gov. 34 Vott

Voted the Hon Elbridge Gerry for Gov 15 Vo^{t}

Voted For Lut Gov^{n} the Hon^{b} Moses Gill Liut Gov^{n} 40 √

Senetors.

Hon. Sam^{ll} Phillips

Stephen Choate

Elez. Marsh

Nath. Marsh

John Treadwell Esq. 28 Vots.

Dr. Thomas Kittridge

Francis Carr Esq

Stephen Cross Esq 12 Vot—

Maj Robert Farley

Capt Jacob Crowninshield

County Treasurer

Voted For the Hon Stephen Choat Esq For County 37 √

Firstly To Chuse a Moderator Viz Capt Sam^{el} Blanchard was chosen Moderator of sd meeting
2^{ly} Voted that Every Person of twenty one years of age shall Vot For a Minister in said Town as Respecting giving Mr Moses Dow a Call as their Minister.
2^{ly} To invite Mr Dow by a large majority of votes to be their Minister in said Town.
3^{ly} Voted To Chuse a Committee Consisting of twelve Men to agree upon Proposal of Salary or settlement with Mr Dow & make report at this adjournment
4^{ly} Votd. that Maj^{or} Richard Dodge Capt John Dodge Mr Benj Edwards Jacob Dodge Capt Sam^{ll} Blanchard Capt Palatiah Brown Tyler Porter Esq Isaac Porter Natt Porter Lt. Cornelius Baker Thomas Kimball Jr & Joseph Fairfield be said Committee For the above sd Purpose of stating a salary or settlement For Mr Dow & Make a Report to this Town For their concern at the adjornment in order to receive the report of this Town Committee.
5^{ly} Votd. that the sum of 200 Dollars be raised for the use of the High(ways) the ensuing year.
6^{ly} Vot^{d} that Cattle & Horses are not to go at Large in the Highway in said Town the Ensuing year.
7^{ly} Votd. that this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday ye 21st of April 1800 att 2 oclock in the afternoon in or to receive the Report of the above said Committee

A True Report From the Vot.

Attest J. Fairfield T. Clerk

The General Court Passed and act that Towns should vot att any Town Meeting to Stop Cattls & horses in going att Large in highway on any town in the Commonwealth the act was passed feb^{r}y 26th 1800

Plans for erecting Guide Boards

A. Greeable to an act of General Court Passed Feb 28. 1795. Respecting the Erecting Guide Boards in the several Towns in the Commonwealth the Perticular places in the town of Wenham for Erecting guide Boards is as followeth Viz two boards at the corner of the roads at Joseph Fairfields to Haverhill 16 Miles Topsfield 4M. Att Danvers Planes 3M

Cap' Israel A. Dodges Corner two boards to Beverly 4½ M to Wenham 1¼ M at Joshuas Herricks on the County Road at Capt Palatiah Brown corner to Manchester 8 M two boards at. Lut Wilm Dodge Corner to Beverly one board at the Road that Leadeth to John T Dodges 2 Boards at Maj Richard Dodges corner to Manchester & Beverly.

Towns Committee Report.

April Meeting

the indorsigned Committee of the Town of Wenham appointed by the Town on the 7th instant to take into theer consideration & Report to this Town What in their opinion aught to be the Compensation that should be offered Mr Moses Dow in his capasity of Minister of the Gospel in this Place Now Repart—that having mett this Day & after Due deliberation on the subject of their appointment came to the following Resulations that the annual salary of Mr. Moses Dow in case he should except the invatation to settle among them in the Ministry should be the sum of four hundred Dollars which sum shall not be subject to Deduction from or addition to unless by the Mutual Consent of the Parties and that sd Mr Moses Dow Shall have the sole use of the Parish Pew & Parsonage Lands as long as he continues to be the Minister of ye sd Society & that the Salary shall be paid in half yearly payments viz one half of the sd sum of four hundred Dollars to be paid him in six months from the time of his ordanination & the Remaining half in one year from sd. time of his ordaination & that in every succeeding year payments shall be considered as folling due in the Manner before Mentioned. and your Committee forthwith Reports that if at any time Mr Dow shall express a Desire to Discontinue his Ministrial Labors in sd Society he shall be att Liberty so to Do after the expiration of six months from the time he shall Notify his Desires to sd Society and if att any time a Majority of the Legal Voters in sd Society shall notify Mr Dow that he shall cease to be their Minister the Connection between Mr Moses Dow & ye sd Society shall be Desolved in one year from the time of each notification shall be given Mr Dow by the sd Majority of

Legal Voters Mr Dow supplying the Desk for the sd year & Receiveing his salary for the same
Sam[ll] Blanchard Clk Richd. Dodge Chairman

April Meeting
Wenham April 21th 1800

Att a Meeting of the Legal voters of the Town of Wenham held by adjournment from the 7th of april inst Voted that the Call of Mr Moses Dow To the Gospel Ministry be confirmed & that the said Town Concur in the foregoing expressed Resolutions of the Committee Respecting the Salary of Mr Dow & that a Committee of five persons be Chosen To wait on Mr Dow to ask his exceptance there of & that this Committee be Tyler Porter Esq
Mr Isaac Porter Cap[t] John Dodge
Cap[t] Sam[ll] Blanchard & Leu[t] John Dodge be said Committee.

Capt Sam[ll] Blanchard Moderator

A True Record from the Minits
Attest J. Fairfield T. Clerk.

May Meeting 14th

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the 14th day of May 1800 agreeable to the Constitution for Chusing Representative and act upon other Business as is more fully Set fourth in said warrant on file May appear
Vot To send a Reprisentative To Represent said Town in the General Court to be holden att Boston on the Last Wednesday of May insuing. viz Capt Samuel Blanchard chosen to represent said Town for the insuing year.
firstly Vot that Tyler Porter Esq be moderator of said Meeting to transact the other Businiss in said warrant for said meeting.
Vot To Chuse a Committee to regulate the ketching of alewifs in said Town and to Regulate the Same
Viz that said Committee consist of five persons & them to serve till others are Chosen in their Room.
Vot Messers Isaac Porter Lut John Dodge Nathan Brown

Peter Dodge & Edmund Batchelder be said committee for the purpose of carrying this vot of said town into effect
Vot that there shall be three Day in a week for the Ketching of said fish—viz Monday & Wednesday & friday
Vot. that there shall be a fine of fifty dollars Laid upon any person that Shall be found Ketching said fish excepting on the above mentioned Day
Vot that if any person be found Ketching said fish on the Sabbath Day he or they shall be fined the above sum and to be received in any Court Proper to fine the same
Vot. that if any money is recovered by the Breach of this vote that the one Moiety thereof is to be paid into the Town Treasury for the use of said Town & the other Moiety thereof to be for the use & benefit of said Committee or informant or informants.

A True Record attest J. Fairfield T. Clk.

June Meeting 4. 1800

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham Legally Conveined by two several warrants from the Selectmen to meet on this Day & Duely return the purport of which will appear by the said warrents on file
Vot that Capt Samuel Blanchard be Moderator of said meeting.
2ly Votd that the Town Reconsider that part of the Vote of the Town Meeting held on the 21th of April Last which Respects the permishion given Mr Moses Dow to Discontinue his Ministreal office when ever he shall express a Desire to that ammount or that a Majority of the Legal Voters should express a Desire to the same ammount.
3ly that the Town Do agree to strike the same from the Terms offered Mr Moses Dow accompaning his Call to settle in this town in the Gospel Ministry
4ly Votd that all the other Paragraphs in the two warrants issued for a Town Meeting this Day by the Selectmen be struck out & not to be acted upon at all
5ly votd that the same Committee which was appointed by the town to give Mr Moses Dow a call & term of Settlement Should now be Requested to inform Mr Moses Dow of the

Transactions of the town as it Respects the fore going alterations of the terms offered him to settle among them in this Meeting
6. Votd. that this Meeting stand adjourned to Meet at the Meeting House in wenham on wednesday five oclock on the afternoon. on the 18 June —
A True Record. Attest J. Fairfield T —

June Meeting 1800

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of wenham conveined on wednesday the 18th of Jun 1800 held by adjournment Viz Capt Samel Blanchard Moderator of said meeting
Votd That the Committee wait upon Mr Dow and inform him that the Town Desires him to give his answer to said Call from said Town as being their Minister as soon as convenient
Vot that this Meeting stand adjourned to Meet at the Meeting House in wenham on monday the 16th of july at five oclock in the afternoon 1800
A True Record Attist J. Fairfield T. Clk

Meeting July 16th 1800

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of wenham held by an adjournment on wensday the 16th Day of July 1800 Capt Samll Blanchard Modr——
Voted that thare be no Committee chosen to Procure a Candidate to Supply the town with Preaching as the former Committee or the Major Part of them Declining to serve the Town any longer in Capacity of a Committee to procure a Candidate to Preach in said Town.—then moved & Seconded to Disolve said Meeting and accordingly Mr Moderator Declared Said meeting Disolved
A. True record of the vots.
Attest J. Fairfield T. Clk.

Att a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham July th 1800 in order to sell the herbage or produce of the Parsonage Land

that belong to the Town & it was sold at Vandue to the Highest bidder who was Paul Porter for the sum of three Dollars and seventy five cents for the present year

A True Record Attest J. Fairfield T. Ck

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham Conveined on wensday the 17th of Sept. 1800 Agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of said Town as by warrant on file more fully appear
1ly To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator for said Meeting.
2ly To see if the Town will Recall Mr Moses Dow to be their Minister in said Town or act anything thereon
Vote. To Recall Mr Moses Dow to be their Minister in said Town
Vote that this Meeting stand adjourned to Wensday the first Day of Oct insueing at the Meeting House in said Town at four oclock in the afternoon

Tyler Porter Esq Moderator of sd meeting

A True Record Attest J. Fairfield T. Clk.

The above vote was passed by & not acted upon nor Reconsidered att all. the reason was the Church Did not agree with their former vote & the Towns Present vote

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Town Meeting adjournment oct.-1th 1800

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham held by adjournment on wensday the first day oct. 1800 Att the Meeting House at four oclock this afternoon Tyler Porter Esq Moderator
1ly Vot. To Chuse a committee of three Persons to Procure some suitable person to Preach in said Town as a candidate for the Ministry
Viz. Thomas Kimball Capt I. Andrew Dodge Maj Rich Dodge. be said committee
2ly Vot to add two Persons to the above said Committee for the above mentioned purpose. Viz Dec Stephen Dodge Lut John Dodge was joined in committee

3ly Vot that the above committee supply this Town with a Candidate to preach in said Town the term of three months from the first Day of act instant insuing 1800
4ly Votd that the above said Committee serve in capasety of Committee the term of three months from this Date & no longer unless sd Town Chuses them to serve Longer in the capasity of Committee of Supplying.
then Mr Moderator Declared said Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly

A True Record Attest Joseph. Fairfield T Cl

Town Meeting Nov 3d 1800

For a Representative for the fourth Middle District.

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the 3d Day of Novbr 1800 for the Purpose of chusing a Representative to Represent the fourth Middle District in Congress of the United States of America as by warrant on fifth May more fully appear Viz Voted for Rev Mannascher Cutler 42 vot.
Vots for Dr Thomas Kittridge 8 vot.

A True Copy Attst Josiah Fairfield T. Clk.

Meeting Decmr 26th Committee.

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Friday the 26th of Decmr 1800 agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of said Town for the purpose of Chusing a Committee to procure a Suitable Character as a Candidate to preach in said Town as is sett fourth in said on file may more fully appear
Vot. that the Town act upon the warrant as it now Stands.
Tyler Porter Esq Moderator.
Votd. That thare be a committee of three Persons Chosen to Supply this Town with Some suitable Character to Preach in said Town as a Candidate for the Ministry.
Viz Tyler Porter Esq Richard Hood and John Dodge be said Committee for the above purpose. Said Committee is to supply The town in Capasity of Committee During the Town Pleasure

Vot that the above said committee is to supply the Town with some suitable Person to Preach in said Town after the first Day of March next 1801 Then Mr Moderator Declared said Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly A True Record Attest J. Fairfield T. Clk

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March Meeting 1801.

Att a Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham Conveined on Tusday March the third 1801. for the Purpose of Electing Town officers and Raising Money for the exigances of the Town for the Ensuing year as by warrant on file May fully appear
Capt Sam^{ll} Blanchard Moderator of said Meeting. Viz the following persons chosen in office for the ensuing year

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Joseph Fairfield	T. Clerk.
Edm. Batchelder John T Dodge Joseph Fairfield	Selectmen
Edward Perkins	T. Treasurer
Sam^{ll} Fisk Jr John Dodge 3^{d}	Constables
James Friend Jon^{a}. Knowlton	Tythingmen
Natt Porter Paul Porter Lut Will Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
Capt John Dodge Capt I. A. Dodge Lut John Dodge	Surveyors of fences

Paul Porter Jon[a]. Knowlton Isaac Porter Jona[th] Porter Uzil. Dodge	Haywards.
Nath Kimball Caleb Kimball Josh Orne Abm. Knowlton	Hogrieves
Paul Porter Jos[h] Fairfield Nich Dodge	Corders of Wood.
Edm. Batchelder	Sealer of Wait & Measure
Sam[el] Fisk Jr	Sealer of Leather
Cap[t] Sam[el] Blanchard Cap[t] I. A. Dodge John T. Dodge	Overseers of Poor

the above officers sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Trust.

Vots. Money Raised for the support of the Gospel in said Town for the ensuing year $316.—66 cts
Vot for Schools in said Town 200.
Vot for the Support of the poor in said Town 150.
Votd To put a stop to cattle and horses in going at large in the Highway in said Town for ensuing year
Votd that Lut John Dodge be a committee to supply the Town with Preaching During the Towns Pleasure
Tyler Porter Esq Desenting to serve as one of said committee with Richard Hood and John T. Dodge.
Votd for Regester of Deeds
Hon John Pickering Esq 36 Vot.
for register of Do-Sam[ll] Ward Esq. 6 V
for County Treasurer Hon Stephen Choat 32 V
— — — for Robert Farley Esq 2 V

The Bell was let out to Sam[ll] Fisk for the sum of $4.00
The Pound was let to Jona Porter for the Lawful Fees.
A True Record Attest J. Fairfield T Clk.

Preambulation of line between Wenham & Manchester
1801

We the Subscribers having Mett this first Day of April A.D. 1801 in order to Preambulate the Line and Renew the Bounds between the Town of Wenham and Manchester and have proceeded as followeth.
Viz Beginning at a heap of Rocks at Beverly Corner so called Running from thence to a Pine Stump Marked W-M from thence on said Line as it runs till it comes to a Pine tree Marked W-M Near Dodges Stump so called which is the Bounds Between the towns of Wenham & Manchester & Hamilton &c

Ezel Leach Dav[d] Collen	Selectmen of Manchester	John T. Dodge Rich Dodge Committes	Selectmen of Wenham

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April Meeting 1801.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham Conveined on Monday the 6th Day of April 1801. agreeable to a Law of the Commonwealth for Chusing a Gov[n] and Luit Gov[n] a Senators for said Commonwealth for the insuing year and transact other business as by warrant on file May More fully appear

Vot. Gov[n].	for The Hon Caleb Strong Esq	34 Vt
	for Do. Hon Elb. Gerry Esq	16 V
Lut Gov	for Hon Sam[ll] Phillips Esq	32 V
	Hon Wm Heath Esq	18 V

Senator.

for Hon Stephen Choat Esq Sam[ll] Phillips Esq	32 Vot

Natt Marsh Esq. John Treadwell Esq	
Elez March Esq Nab Marsh Esq	31 V

Dr Thomas Kittridge		
Francis Carr Esq.		
Jacob Crowninshield Es	14	V
Stephen Cross Es		
Robert Finly Esq		
Scatering Vots Enoch Titcomb	1	V
John Norris	1	V

1ly Tyler Porter Esq Moderator for the other Busines of sd Meeting

2ly Votd. that the Constables Notify the Town Meetings by Posting a notification at the Meeting House Door for the futur

3 Vot That if any Person Pull Down the notification they are to be Delt with as the Law Directs.

4ly that the Town Chuse a committee to repair the Deck of the Meeting house that Edward Perkins Natt Kimball & Jona Porter be sd committee to repair the Deck of the steple of the Meeting House

5ly that Lut John Dodge Isaac Porter Jacob Dodge Peter Dodge Edmund Batchelder Lut Isaac Kimball be said committee to Regulate the Ketching of alewifs in Wenham Pond & Brook. Votd that the County Road Bridg Waldrons Bridg & Peter Dodge Mill & therly acre Brook is to be free for Ketching fish the Said fish is to be Ketched on Monday & Wensday & Friday to be free to Ketch fish. if any Person is found Ketching fish on any Day or Place as above Described are Liable to be fined 10 Dollars one half to the informant & the other half for the us of the Town

V 7ly That the Town Make a present of the Remains of the House that was occupied by Thomas Sentor to Ruben Wheeler Except the Rocks in the Sullor.

8 Vot that the Town sell the herbage of the Parsonage Land for the present year to the Highest bidder. Said herbage & apples was sold to Joseph Friend for the sum of 10 Doll & 75 cent for the present year

9ly Votd That the Town New sett the wall on the Parsonage Land

Votd That the Selectmen be a committee to agree with each part of the Town to new sett the wall upon the reasonable

term. Within the term of 18 Months from this date hereoff.
10 Vot. That the Town sell the land that was occupied by Thomas Santor late of Wenham Decd.
Vot that the Selectmen be a committee to sell the Land of Thomas Senter or what was occupied by sd Sentor or the land that sd Thomas Senter used to occupy was sold at auction at the High bidder (by sd committee) to Lut Willm Dodge for the sum of 81 Dollars The herbage of the Burying ground was sold at auction to Paul Porter for the sum of 1 Dollar

A True Record Attest

Joseph Fairfield T Clk

Att a Ligal Meeting of the Town of Wenham held on wensday the 6th Day of May 1801. for the Purpose of Chusing a Representative to Represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the Last Wenesday of May instant and inact other Business as is more fully sett forth in said warrant on file may appear
Votd Not to Send any Person to Represent said Town in the General Court
Votd that Sam^{ll} Blanchard Esq be moderator of said Meeting Current year
2^{ly} Voted That the Town raise 200 Dollars to repair the Highways the current year
3^{ly} Votd. that the Town chuse a committee consisting of three Persons to answer a petition from Salem Committee Respecting a Turn Pike Road from Salem to Boston in this General Court.
Votd that Sam^{ll} Blanchard Esq Tyler Porter Esq and Capt John Dodge be sd committee to answer above said Salem Committee Respecting the Turnpike Road.

A True Record attest J Fairfield T Clk.

Att a Town Meeting April 1793 the Town Voted the Price of Labor at the highway should be stated as followeth. Viz Man 67 Cents Per Day each horse shall be 23 cents per day each yoke of oxen 28 cents per day each cart 28 cents per Day. Price of labor on the High Ways

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Preambulation Between the Towns of Wenham & Beverly. We the Subscribers appointed by the Selectmen of Wenham & Beverly in the County of Essex To Preambulate on the Line and renue the Bounds Between said Towns have accordingly Mett this 13th Day of April 1801. Viz.

Beginning at a white oak stump standing in the wall Between the Land of Cornelius Baker and Nath Porter Marked W-B & D.

Preceeded thence on sd. straight Course South seventy one Degrees and thirty Minits East to a Bound in Nata Porter orchard which is a stone sett in the ground Marked W-B. and thence South Eighty Degrees and thirty minits East to a Bound called Alford Stone Marked W-B in James Kimballs Land. thence to the corner of the wall on the Eastern Side of the County Road three feet & one half Southerly of an apple tree standing to the Northward of Charles Dodges land formally Free Balches Land Marked W-B thence to a stake and stone in Jacob Dodges Land formally Nathn Brown said line is about four feet Southerly of a white oak tree Marked W-B. which oak is about Seventy feet Westerly of said stake & stones thence to a Long stone by the wall the south side of the Highway a few Rods Easterly of the Barn belonging to Jacob Edwards one Rod and half northerly of an apple tree in said Edwards land. Marked W-B. thence to a stake & stones Near Larcombs Corner so called. Marked W-B thence to a heap of stones to the East Side of Longham Meadow thence to an apple tree the South side of the road by the mile stone about twenty pol westerly of Simon Wyatts house marked W-B. thence to a stake the Easterly side of Rackcoon Marsh so called thence to a white oak stump in the wall formally Natt Dodges now George Stanley which said stone is about two Poles and a half Southerly of a Pine tree by the wall Marked W-B thence turning Northerly to a White oak tree on Gravely Ridge marked W-B thence more Easterly to a corner of Prestons field thence feet southerly of a walnut Stump with a stake by it marked W-B. thence in a straight Line from Prestons Corner to a

Pine Stump Marked W-B- and M. which is a Bound between Wenham Beverly and Manchester.

J. Fairfield } Selectmen of
Edm Batchelder } Wenham

John Low } Selectmen of
John Francis } Beverly.
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July Meeting 1801.

Att a Legal Meeting of Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined Wensday the 15th Day of July at 6 Clock in the afternoon For the Purpose of Chusing a Committee to procure some suetibal Character to Preach in said Town as a candidate for the Ministry agreeable to a warrant on file may more fully appear.

1ly Vot. Capt John Dodge Chosen Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Votd the said Committee Consist of three Persons

Votd that Mr Isaac Porter and Capt John Dodge be two in committee to join Mr Rich. Hood who did not resign and to fill the place Lut John Dodge & Mr John T Dodge who resigned on Capasity of Committee to supply this Town with a candidate to Preach in said Town.

3ly Votd that the Committee apply to two or more of this Clergy in this vicinity for their approbation for a Candidate to Preach in Said Town

4ly Votd that the above said Committee serve in capasity of a committee to Procure a Candidate until March Meeting—Next 1802 and no longer unless Chosen again

then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

Wenham June 19th 1801.

Att a Meeting of the overseers of the Poor in order to Let out Asa Kimball Said Kimball was let out to Capt Israel A Dodge one year from the date hereoff with the Town giving said Dodge 18 Dollars to keep said Kimball the above said

term of one year & the said Dodge was to Put ten Dollars worth of Clothing upon him & receive pay there for & att the end of the year the said Dodge was to put ten Dollars worth of Clothing when the said Kimball went away from the said Dodge

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Wenham Aug 24th 1801.

Att a Meeting of the overseers of Poor To let out Betty Senter and accordingly the said Betty Senter was let out to Downing Gentley for one year at 81 cets pr week. the said Gentley to Keep her clothes as in good repairs as they was when he took her

Docr Bill & Nursing Excepted.

Nov 6. Meeting 1801.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Friday the 27th Day of Novbr 1801. agreeable to a Warrant from the Selectmen of Wenham the which warrant on file may more fully appear

1ly Vot Capt Palatiah Brown Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

2 Votd to reconsider the vote passed in april last as far as it Respects the New Setting of the wall upon the Parsonage Land.

3ly Voted not to sell the Parsonage Land at all. then Mr. Moderator Declared said Meeting Dissolved & accordingly it was Dissolved

A True Record Attest

Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Parsonage Land

Att a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham June th 1802 the herbage of the Parsonage land Sold to Capt. Palatiah Brown for the sum of $6.66 for this Season. + The fruit on the Trees

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Asa Kimball—Poor

Att a Meeting of the overseers of Poor for the Purpose of

Letting out Asa Kimball one of the Poor of said Town for this 1802 Said Kimball was Let out to Uzzial Dodge until the first Tuesday of March insuing 1803 with the said Dodge giving Nine Dollars for the Labor of the said Kimball for the above said term the said Dodge is to Keep his Cloath in as good order at the Expiration of the above said Town as when he had him

Doc^r Bill & Nursing Excepted.

and in case the said Kimball abscond from Dodge the overseers are to know Cast in Looking after him.

Wenham June 19th 1802

A True Record Attest

Jos. Fairfield T-C.

March Meeting 1802.

Att an anual Meeting of the Qualified Voters of wenham Conveined on Tuesday the 2th Day of March 1802 att Nine oclock in the Morning for the purpose of Electing Town officers for the ensuing Year and Raising Money for exegencies for the Town the insuing year and enact other Business as is more fully sett forth in the warrant at large on file May appear.

fis^ly To Chuse a Moderator Viz

Capt Palatiah Brown chosen Moderator for said Meeting, the following offecers sworn to the faithful Discharge of their office

Joseph Fairfield	Town Clerk.
Edmund Batchelder John T Dodge Joseph Fairfield	Selectmen
Lut John Dodge	T. Treasurer
John Baker Abraham Knowlton	Constables

James Friend Sam^{el} Fisk Jr James Friend	tythingmen
Capt Palatiah Brown Isaac Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
Lut John Dodge Capt Israel Dodge Lut William Dodge	Surveyors of fence
Danil Moulton Jona^{ll} Porter Downing Gentley John Cleaves Oliver Dodge Nich Dodge	Hay wards.
Lut. James Kimball Nath. Kimball Nich Dodge Lut Cor^{ñl} Baker John Cleaves.	Hog Rieves
Joseph Fairfield Nath Kimball Nich. Dodge	Corders of Wood
Richard Hood	Sealer waits & measures
John Hooker	Sealer of Leather
Capt Palth Brown Thomas Kimball Lut Willm Dodge	Overseers Poor

2^{ly} Voted Money for Preaching for the insuing year	$250.00
3^{ly} Voted Money for Schools for Do.	200.÷÷
4^{ly} Votd Money for Poor for Do	166.66

5^{ly} Votd that Cattle horses & swine Shall not go at large in the Highways in Said Town the ensuing year

Ministers Committee

6ly Vot that Richard Hood Isaac Porter and Capt John Dodge be a Committee to Procure Some suitable Charactor to Preach in said Town as a Candidate for the Ministry

7ly Votd. To Pass by the seventh article in the warrant and not act upon it at all which was to see if the Town would hear Mr Joseph Emerson any more

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Sleds.

8ly Votd that the Town Shall make their sleds four feet wide in said Town in Eight months from this Date or forfeit their sleds. sleds less than four feet wide any Person shall have Liberty to use upon their own Land.

Committees Limits for Candidates

9ly Votd. that the Committee to Procure a Candidate to Preach in said Town shall engage the Candidate for three or four Sabbath Day and then to call upon the Town in order to see if the Candidate shall Preach any longer or Give him a Call.

10ly Said Town gave in their Votes for County Treasurer for the year insuing vis the Hon11 Stephen Choate Esq

37 vots

Pound & Bell & Burying Ground

The Bell was Lett to Sam11 Fisk Jn. and to sweep the Meeting House for one year — — — — $4.÷÷

the pound was Lett to Paul Porter for the Lawful fees

the Burying Ground Lett to Paul Porter for $1.25

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clerk

Betty Centre one of the Poor

Att a Meeting of the overseers Wenham March 2th 1802. in order to Lett out some of the Poor of said Town. Viz. Betty Center was Lettout to John Perkins at 50 Pr week for one year from this Date here of. said Perkins is to Return said Bettys cloath as good as he had them

Doctoring and Nurseing Excepted.

April Meeting 1802.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham on Monday the fifth Day of April at 3 o clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for a Gov^{n} and Lut Gov^{n} and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth and Trancact other Business as is more fully sett fourth in the warrant on file — —

Vots Given for Gov^{nor}

for Excly. Caleb Strong Esq	36 vots
for the Hon Elbridg Gerry Esq	11 vot

Leut. Gov^{n}

for the Hon. Edward Hutchinson Robbins Esq.	38 v
" " Hon William Heath Esq	10 v

Senators

Hon John Treadwell	Esq.	33
Stephen Choat	Esq.	36
Enoch Titcomb	Esq.	37
Nathaniel Marsh	Esq.	37
Banj^{a} Pickman Jr	Esq.	35
William Pearson		9
Francis Carr		8
Dr Thomas Kittridge		8
Capt Jacob Crowningshield		9
Dr Daniel Killam		11

Alewive Ketching & Committee

1 fly Capt Palatiah Brown chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

Votd that their be a Committee Consisting of five Persons For the purpose of Regulating the Ketching of alewive in Wenham Pond and Brook.

Vote that James Friend Edmund Batchelder Lut John Dodge Jacob Dodge & Peter Dodge be said committee.

Places for Ketching fish

Vot the Places for Ketching of alewives be at Peter Dodges Mill Waldrons Bridge and Wenham Pond Bridge and thirty acre Brook be the Places for Kitching said fish

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Vot. that Monday & Wensday & friday be the Day for Ketching fish.

Restrictions and Penealty in Ketching Fish

Vot that no person shall Ketch said fish with a sean
Vot that thare be a fine of 10 Dollars forfiture for any Person that shall ketch aylwive upon any other Day than is above expressed or with a sean— — one half of the forfiture is to go to Complainant

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

May Meeting 1802.

Att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham Conveined thursday the 6th Day of May 1802 for the purpose of Chusing a Representative to Represent said Town in General Court and transact other Business as is More fully sett forth in said warrant on file May appear
1ly Voted To Pass by the first article in the warrant which was to Chuse a Representative —— unamiously not to send.
2ly Votd that Samuel Blanchard Esq be Moderator for sd meeting.
3ly Votd To Raise 200. Dollars to Repair the Highways the ensuing year then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Mondayth 30 Day of August at 6 oclock in afternoon 1802 agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of said Town upon file which may more fully appear
1ly Vot. Tyler Porter Esq Moderator of said meeting
2ly Votd to hear Mr Barnard Ripley Preach four or six Sabboth Day Longer Just as the Committee could ingage for him Vot that this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday the 13th Day of Sept insuing at 5 oclock in the afternoon at the Meeting House in Wenham.

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T. CK.

Sept^{m}. Meeting 1802.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham held by an adjournment on Monday the 13th Day of Sept^{m}. 1802 for the purpose of taking the voice of the Town relating to hearing Mr. Barnard Kiply preach Longer in said Town Vot. that the Committee procure some Candidate to Preach three Sabbatt in Mr Riply abscent. — — — —
Voted that the Town hear Mr Riply four Sabbatt Longer which the Committee have engaged him for—which time is to Commence on Sabbatt Dayth 10 of Oct. ensuing.
then Mr Moderator Disolved the Meeting without Day. and accordingly it was Disolved.

A True Record attest Joseph Fairfield T. CK.

Oct. Meeting

Att a Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday 11th Day of Octr 1802 for the purpose of Chusing a Committee to Meet a Committee from the Hon^{b} Court of Sessions of the Peace for the County of Essex for the purpose of Laying out A New Road in the Westerly Part of Wenham leading from Topsfield to Beverly agreeable to a warrant on file which May more fully appear.
1^{ly} Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for said meeting.
2^{ly} Votd to Chuse a Committee Consisting of three Persons to Meet the Committee from the Hon^{b} Court of Sessions
3^{ly} Votd that Dr Daniel Killam Sam^{el} Blanchard Esq. & Lut John Dodge be a committee for the Purpose of meeting the Court Committee Respecting the way
4^{ly} Votd that the Committee us all Lawful means in behalf of the Town Respecting the Laying out of the Road as above & to Repulse the Court Committee Reporting or the expediency of the way being Layed out at their Discrission.
5^{ly} Votd. that the Town pay Sam^{el} Blanchard Esq the sum of 33 Doll + 50 Cts for money he paid Wm. Herrick for painting the Meetinghouse in full. Then Mr Moderator the Meeting Dissolved & it was Dissolved accordingly.

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Copy of a Letter from Hamilton Overseers to the Overseers of Wenham.

To the overseers of the Town of Wenham we must inform you that there has been a complaint to us of Elisah Fairfield being not in his Right mind & you must come & take care of him & his Property.

July 19. 1802. Isaac Dodge } overseers of
Joseph Patch } Hamilton

A Copy of answer of a litter from Wenham overseers to Hamilton overseers in answer to the above letter.

Wenham July 29. 1802

Gen^{tl}m We have Received your of the 19th instant & in reply have only to say that we conceive that We are under no more obligation to take care Elisha Fairfield & his Property than to take care of the Personal Property of any others in Hamilton

To Mess^{r} Isaac Dodge— & Joseph Patch overseeears of the Poor of Hamilton

Palatiah Brown } Thomas Kimball } overseers of the Poor of Wenham

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. CK.

Nov. Meeting for Representative—Congress

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the first Day of Nov^{b}r 1802. for the purpose of electing a Represintative to Represent the Essex South District in Congress of the United States and transact other Business as exprest in said warrant on file May More fully appear.

Vot givin for Representative.

Hon^{b} Timothy Pickering	33
Hon Jacob Crowninshield	17

1^{ly} Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for the Meeting.

2^{ly} Votd to hear Mr Bernard Riply four Sabbath Day more after being absent four Sabbath Day

3ly Votd that the Committee Procure some Candidate to Preach four Sabbath in Mr Riply abscent.
4ly Votd that the Restrictions of the Committee Relative to them to their Procuring a Candidate to preach in sd. Town for the futer is to be at their Discrestion and in their hireing as Long as they think necessary & not to call the Town together in four Sabbath as was former vote in this Town.
A True Record. Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

Febuy Meeting 1803

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Thursday the 10th Day of Feby 1803 at 3 oclock in the afternoon For the Purpose of Seeing whether the Town will Concur with the Laying out of a Turnpike Road through Wenham Leading from Beverly Bridge over Choats Bridge So Called to Newbury Port by a petition from John Heard & others from the General Court by said petition & warrant on file May More fully appear
1ly Vot. Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for said Meeting.
2ly Votd to adjuorn said Meeting with out Day. and it was adjourned by said Moderator accordingly.
A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T Clk

A Record of the Removement of Jonathan Hobbs and family from Town of Wenham after Living in said Town nine year Removed April th 1803 formally and inhabitant of the Town of Topsfield & removed to Topsfield this Date.
A true Record. Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Wenham March. 1803

The artifical Mark of Cattle & Sheep Belonging To Joseph Fairfield of Wenham are as followeth. Viz
the end of the Left Ear cut off and a half Cross on the under side of the Right ear.

Truly Recorded by Joseph Fairfield T Clk.

Wenham March 1th 1804.

The artifical Mark of Cattle & Sheep Belonging to James Friend of Wenham are as followeth viz the end of the Left ear cut of and a half Penny cut out of the under side of the same ear

Truly Recorded by Joseph Fairfield T. Clerk.

March Meeting 1803

Att an annual Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Tuesday the 3th Day of March at nine oclock in the Morning 1803. for the purpose of Electing Town officers for the insuing year and for Raising Money for the Exegencies of the Town the Current year and transact other Business as is more fully sett forth in a warrant at Large on file May More fully appear

Tyler Porter Esq Moderator of said Meeting
the following Persons were chosen into office.

Joseph Fairfield	Town Clerk.
Edmund Batchelder John T. Dodge Joseph Fairfield	Select m—
Nathaniel Porter	Town Treasurer
John Baker Nicholas Dodge	Constables.
Paul Porter John Baker	tythingmen
John T Dodge Lut John Dodge Ct. Israel A. Dodge Adam Reddinton	Surveyors High ways

Uzziel Dodge Thomas Kimball Jn Nicholas Dodge Lt. John Dodge Daniel Moulton	Hay wards.
Lut John Dodge Ct. Israel A Dodge Downing Gently	Surv-Fences
Nath Kimball Abraham Knowlton	Hogrieves
Paul Porter Nath. Porter Downing Gently Cap Palatiah Brown.	
Joseph Fairfield Nicholas Dodge Nehemiah Stanley	Corder Wood.
	Sealer weights & measures
John Hooker	Sealer of Leather
Capt. Palatiah Brown Lt. Will m Dodge Thomas Kimball Jr	overseers Poor

the above officers sworn to the faithful Discharge of their office.

Votd 1ly to Raise Money for Preaching for the ensuing year the sum of $333.33

Voted 2ly to raise the sum of $333.33 for school the insuing year

Votd 3ly the sum of — — — $150. for the support of the Poor the insuing year

Votd 4ly that the Collection of Taxes for the insuing year Shal be litt to the lowest Bidder with the Collectors giveing bond for their Collections.

Vot 5^{ly} that cattle & horses shall not go att large in the Highway in this Town the insuing year.

Vot 6^{ly} that a committee of Three persons be chosen to meet a committee from Hamilton Relating to the Regerlation of catching alewives in Miles River so called.

Vot. 7^{ly} that Tyler Porter Esq Sam^{el} Blanchard Esq & Dr Daniel Killam be said committee as above

Vot. 8^{ly} that Cap' John Dodge Richard Hood and Isaac Porter be the standing committee to procure a candidate to Preach in said Town till others are chosen in their Stead.

Vot. 9^{ly} that the Extream Part of the Town called Little Comfort Shall have twenty Dollars over and above their Porportion of the three hundred & thirty three Dollars votd for Schools in said Town the insueing year

the collection of Taxes for the insueing years was lett out the Lowest bidder for 1803. To John Baker for the West ward for 1 Dollar and forty upon the Hundred Dollars collected also for the East Ward to Nicholas Dodge for 1 Dollar 65 cts upon the Hundred for collecting

Bonds Capt. John Dodge & Thomas Kimball Jr

Miss Peirce and Betsey Senter the Poor of the Town was Let to Abraham Knowlton for one year from this Date for the sum of thirty eight Dollars the said Knowlton is to keep their Cloth in as good repair as he finds them when he Dilivers them to the Town. Nursing & Doct^{r} Bills Excepted.

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the Bell was Let to Sam^{ll} Fisk for one year for sum $5.93.

the Pound was Let to Nath Porter for the Lawful fees.

A True Record attst Joseph Fairfield T Clk.

April Meeting 1803.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the 4th Day of att 3 oclock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving their votes for a Gov^{n}r Leu^{t} Gov^{n}r. and Senetors agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth & transact other Business as is More fully Sett fourth in said warrant on file may More fully appear

Vots for Gov^{n}r		Lut. Gov^{n}r.	
Excl. Caleb Strong	41.	Hon. Edm Robbins	40
Hon Elbridge Gerry	17	James Bowdoin Esq.	17
		Elbridge Gerry Esq	1.
	Senators.		
Hon Bnj^{a} Pickman Esq.	44	Francis Carr	17
Dudly A. Tyng	41	Dr Tho^{m} Kittridge	17
Nathl Marsh	42	Joseph Sprague	17
Elias H. Derby	41	Wm Pearson	17
John Heard	42	Stephen Cross	16
Enoch Titcomb	40	Dr Danl Killiam	15
Tho^{m} Pearly Esq	1	Tho^{m} Pearly Esq	1.

1^{ly} Tyler Porter Esq Moderator for sd. Meeting

2^{ly} Vots Given in for County Treasurer

Hon. Stephen Choat	—	—	—	—	45
Robert Farley Esq.	—	—	—	—	15

3^{ly} Votd. not to reconsider their Vot relative to the Raising 333.33 for Schools in said Town this insuing year

4^{ly} Votd to chuse an agent settle this Dispute Between Hamilton & Wenham relative to Elisha Fairfield being one of the inhabitants of Wenham & to take advice To Final Judgment.

Dr Killam agent Poor

5^{ly} Votd that Dr Daniel Killam be the above Said agent for the above purpose——relative to Elisha Fairfield

Fish Committee

6^{ly} Vot. that the former committee respecting the catching alewive be the same that was chosen before and Places for takeing as before

Viz James Friend Edmund Batchelder Lut John Dodge Israel Dodge & Peter Dodge be said Committee for the above purpose

Ministerial Committee

^{ly} V"d that Capt John Dodge Isaac Porter Richard Hood Lut Will Dodge & Capt. Edmund Batchelder be a committee to procure a candidate to preach in said Town During Pleasure

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

May Meeting 1803

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on thursday the 12th Day of May 1803 for the purpose of chusing a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the Last wenesday in May and transact other Business as expressed in said warrant on file May More fully appear

1ly Votd to send a Representative Viz Samel Blanchard Esq had 22 votes and was Chosen.

Scattering votes 14 Mr Richard Hood had. 11 vots

2ly Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for said meeting.

3ly Voted to raise 200 Dollars for the Purpose of repairing the Highways the currant year

4ly Votd that the Selectmen be a committee for the purpose of Makeing out a List of Jurors as was Exhibited to said by the Selectmen agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth.

then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was disolved accordingly

A. True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Att a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12. 1803 for the purpose of Selling the Herbage of the Parsonage Land which was sold to Joseph Friend for the sum of 14 Dollars 25 cts. for the present season

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Town Meeting to hear Mr Popkin longer

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Friday this 5th Day of August 1803 agreeable to a Petition from a number of the inhabitants of Wenham & a warrant from the Selectmen of said Town on file as may more fully appear

1ly Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2ly Votd to hear Mr John Popkin preach a term Longer after his return from Derry & else where eight Sabbath from this Date here off.

3ly Votd to Keep the Meeting House door open eight Sabbath Day for the return of Mr Popkin to preach in said

Town. then Mr Moderator adjourned said Meeting without Day. and it was adjourned accordingly.

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T CK.

Nov b r Meeting 1803.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Wensday the 2th Day of Novbr 1803 att 3 oclock in the afternoon agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of said Town for the purpose of Giveing Mr John Snelling Popkin a call to settle with them in the Ministry and transact other business as exprest in said warrant on file May More fully appear.

1ly Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2ly Votd the Town Voted to give Mr Popkin a call to be their Minister of the Gospel one year in said Town.

3ly Votd to Pass by the third article in the warrant & not act upon it.

4ly Votd that the Meeting be adjourned with out Day.

then Mr Moderator adjourned the meeting without Day.

A. True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham conveined on Friday the 25th of Novbr 1803 at 2 oclock in the afternoon agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of Said Town for the purpose of Raising a sum of Money as a salary to answer to the call the Town gave Mr. John Snelling Poplin att a Lat Meeting to be their Minister of the Gospel in said Town as exprest in said on file May more fully appear

1ly Capt Palatiah Brown chosen Moderator of said Meeting

2ly Votd that the Town Raise a sum of Money for an annual Salary for Mr Popklin support in said Town if he should give his answer in the affirmative so long as he should continue to be their Minister.

3ly Votd five hundred Dollars as a Salary for his support annually.

4ly Votd To give Mr Popklin five hundred Dollars as a settlement if he should accept the call.

5ly Votd that there be a committee of five persons chosen

to confer with Mr Popklin & Lay before him the Vote of the Town att their two Late Meeting
6ly Vold that Cap' John Dodge Isaac Porter Richard Hood Lut Wm Dodge & Cap' Edmund Batchelder be said committee to confer with Mr Popkin & make a report at the adjournment of said Meeting
7ly Votd that this meeting stand adjourned to Friday the second of Dec insuing at 2 oclock the afternoon at this place.
A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

Town Meeting Decmr 2th 1803.

Att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by adjournment on Friday the 2th Day of Dec 1803 for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee Relative to Mr Popkin giveing his answer to the Town on his being their Minister in answer to the Town he gave the following answer in Town Meeting—in the Negative.

Capt Palatiah Brown Moderator
To the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham I have Duly Received from your Committee your Vote Relating to myself Considering the Violent opposition which is made to them I cannot hesitate a moment in Regard to the Dictates of Prudence and Propriety you all will undoubtedly anticipate that I must Decline the Proposal which they contain, my Friends will Please to except my sincere thanks for the proof they have given me of their esteem and all will Permit me to Pray that on so serious a subject they may be governed by pure and peaceful spirity of Christianity

Your Humbl Sarvt in the Gospel

Wenham Dec 2d 1803. John Snelling Popkin

then the Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly
A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T Clk.

Town Meeting Dec 19-1803

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham

conveined on Monday the 19th Day of Decmr 1803. agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of said Town & a pelition from the Committee relating to the Laying out of a New Road in the western Part of sd. Town on file May More fully appear Capt Palatiah Brown Moderator of said Meeting 1st Votd to instruct the Committee of the Town to oppose the report of the Viewing Committee of the Court of Session at their. Next Term on the Petition of Joseph Chapman & others Praying for a Road through the Western part of this Town by all Lawful Means.

2 Votd that the Committee be instructed to act at their Descration on the Report of the Petition of Dr Daniel Killam & others as to the way through the Westerly Part of Wenham then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and accordingly it was Disolved.

A True Record Attest. Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

March Meeting 1804.

Att an annual Meeting of the Qualified of the Town of Wenham Conveined on Tuesday the 6th Day of March at Nine oclock in the Morning 1804.

for the Purpose of Electing Town officers for the insuing year and for Raising Money for the exergencies of the Town the Currant year and Transact other Business as is More fully sett fourth in the Warrant att Large on file May More fully appear.

Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator for Said Meeting and the following Persons was Chosen in to office & sworn to the faithful discharge of sd office

Joseph Fairfield Town Clerk

Capt Edm. Batchelder Lut Isreal Dodge Joseph Fairfield	Selectmen.
Nathl. Porter	Town Treasurer
Caleb Kimball Downing Gentlee	Constables

John Baker Nehe^{m} Stanley	Tythinmen
Isaac Porter John Baker Downing Gentlee James Friend Jacob Dodge Nicholas Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
Lut John Dodge Capt I. Andrew Dodge Nehemiah Stanley	Surveyors of Fence
Nath Porter Ens. Paul Porter Lt. Isaac Dodge John Cleaves Sam^{el} Fisk Jr	Haywards
Lut Isaac Dodge Billy Knowlton James Friend Thomas Kimball Jr. Joshua Orne	Hogrieves
Joseph Fairfield Neh^{m} Stanley Joshua Orne Nath Kimball	Corders of Wood.
Nath^{nl} Porter	Sealer Wt & Measures
Samuel Fisk J^{n}	Sealer of Leather
Nath Kimball Jacob Dodge Ens. Paul Porter	Overseers Poor

Votd To Chuse two Surveyors on the Middle ward of Wenham the insuing year

Votd To Chuse the other officers by hand vot

1ly Votd that the sum of 300 Dollars for Preaching for the Currant year $300.—

2ly Votd that the Sum of 200 Dollars for School in the town $200.—

3ly Votd that the sum of 10 Dollars be raised for Little Comfort $ 10.00

4ly Votd. that the Sum of 150 Dollars be Raised for the Poor $150.—

5ly Votd that cattle horses & swine shall not go at large in the highway

6ly Votd that the Collection of Taxes be let to the Lowest Bidder with the Collector giving sufficient bonds for their Collections to the Town

7ly Votd that Richard Hood Isaac Porter Capt Edmund Batchelder Lt Wm Dodge & Benj Edwards be a Committee to Procure Some Suitable Character to Preach in said Town as a candidate for the Ministry

10 Votd. that the Treasurer Procure all the waights & Measures for the Town as the Law Directs—then Mr Moderator Declared said Meeting Disolved & it was Disolved accordingly.

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the Collecting of Taxes was Bid of by Nathl Porter for the West ward for the sum of one Dollar & Ninety cents pr Hd. Dollars for the East ward was bid of by Downing Gentlee for the sum of one Dolar & Eighty three Cents Pr Hd. Dollars.

the poor Viz Betty Senter was lit to Timothy Higgins for the sum of forty four cents Pr week his Keeping her Cloath in good repairs as when took.
Nursing & Dr bill Excepted

Mrs Pieice was bid of by Adam Reddington for the sum of eighty dollars per year her cloth to be Kept good Dr & Nursing Excepted.

the bell was bid of by Samel Fisk for seven Dollars pr year.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

April Meeting 1804.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday being the first Monday in April at 3 oclock in the afternoon for the Purpose of Giving in their Votes for a Gov^{n} and Lut Gov^{n}. and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and transact other business as is more fully sett fourth in a warrant on file May More fully appear. Viz the following Persons Voted for Gov^{n}.

Excly. Caleb Strong Esq	30	Vot.
Hon James Sullivan Esq	25	V.

Lut. Gov^{n}

Hon Edward Hut. Robbins Esq	30	Vt
Hon Wm^{11} Heath Esq	25	Vt

Senators

Nath Marsh	32 Vots	Joseph Sprague	
Enoch Titcomb		Dr Thomas Kittridge	
John Heard	Esq.	Josiah Smith	Esq.
Elias H Derby		James Prince	25 Vots.
Wm. Prescott		Dr Daniel Killam	
John Phillips		Will Peerson	

1^{ly} Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2^{ly} Vots Given for County Treasurer Viz

Hon^{b} Stephen Choat Esq — — — —	37
Robert Farley Esq — — — — —	18

3^{ly} Votd to pass by third article in the which was to see if the Town would pass any vote Relative to the Ketching of alewives

4^{ly} Votd that the fourth article be pased by which was to raise a sum of Money to clear the Highway of snow in the winter season

5^{ly} Votd that the Selectmen use their Discression Relative to the fifth article in the warrant which was to see if the Town would give the Constables order to Destrain upon the Rev John Fairfield for his taxes as he was taxed in said Town.

then Mr Moderator Declared Said Meeting Disolved and it was Disolved accordingly

A True Record Attest Mr Joseph Fairfield T Clerk.

Wenham Apr[l] 2th 1804

Att a Meeting of the Selictmen in order to sell the herbage of the Parsonage Land & it was Sold to Nath[n] Porter for 14 Dollars. and the Pound was sold to Nath Porter for the Lawful fee.

A True Record. J. Fairfield T. Clerk.

May Meeting 1804.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the 8th Day of May 1804 for the Purpose of Chusing a Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the Last Wenesday of May insuing & transact other business as is explained in said warrant on file May More fully appear

1[ly] Voted to adjourn the first paragraph in sd Warrant which was to Chuse a Representative.

Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

2[ly] Votd to altor the price of Labour Done on the Highway

3[ly] Votd that Mens Labour be one Dollar Pr Day on the Highway.

4[ly] Votd that oxen be fifty cent Per Day & Cart be forty Cents Per Day on the Highway.

5[ly] Votd the sum of three hundred Dollars to Repair the Highways the ensuing year

6[ly] Votd that the Sixth article in the warrant be adjourned without Day. which was to raise a sum of money to clear the Highway of snow in the winter season.

7[ly] Votd that thare should be a committee Consisting of three persons To meet the Committee from Ipswich & Hamilton in order to Regulate the Kitching of alewives in Miles River so called agreeable to an act of Gen. Court.

8[ly] that Tyler Porter Esq Sam[el] Blanchard Esq & Dr Daniel Killam be above said committee for the above said purpose. then Mr Moderator adjourned the Said Meeting with out Day and accordingly it was adjourned.

A True Record. Attest. Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Friday the 7th Day of Septm A.D. 1804. for the purpose of seeing whether the Town would instruct their Committee to continue Mr David Jewitt to Preach in said Town as a candidate any longer or give him a Call to be their Minister or act any thing thare on agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen upon file May more fully appear

1ly Votd Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

2ly Votd to pass by the first article in the Warrant.

3ly Votd Not to give Mr David Jewitt a call to be their Minister of the Gospel and did not Vot to Concur with the Churches Late vote in giving Mr Jewitt a call. then Mr Moderator adjourned said meeting with out Day and it was adjourned accordingly.

A. true Record. Attest Mr Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Town Meeting Oct. 15th 1804.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the 15th Day of Octbr 1804 for the purpose of Seeing Whether the Town will reconsider their Vote that was pased the 7th of Septm Last Passed relative to their giving Mr David Jewitt a call to be their Minister agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen upon file May More fully appear

1ly Vd. Tyler Porter Esq chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2ly Votd to Reconsider the vote that was passed the 7th of Sept. Last the which was not to concur with the Church in giving Mr David Jewett a call to be their Minister in said Town.

3ly Votd to Chuse a committee consisting of seven Persons to take in to their consideration what proposal and how to make to Mr David Jewett relative to the Town giving him a call to be their Minister and make a report at the adjournment of this meeting. Viz Lut John Dodge Isaac Porter Thomas Kimball Jr Capt Edmund Batchelder Lut Willm Dodge Lut Isaac Dodge & Jacob Dodge to be the above said committee for the above said purpose

4ly Votd that this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday 29th of this instant at four oclock at the Meeting house.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham held by an adjournment on Monday the 29th of Octbr instant at four P.M. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Town Committee respecting the proposal of Salary or Settlement for Mr David Jewett being called in said Town to be their Minister

Viz Committees Report.

Wereas the Subscribers a Committee chosen at a Legal Town Meeting held on the fifteenth Day of oct instant for the purpose of proposing to the Town at their adjournment for their considiration a suitable sum to call or invite Mr David Jewett candidate to be a Gospel Minister for the Ministry in this Town. We therefore upon Mature consideration have unaminously agreed upon the sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid to the sd. Mr David Jewett During his ministry in this Town as a salary annually with the improvement of the Town Parsonage

John Dodge Jr
Isaac Porter
Willm Dodge
Edm. Batchelder
Thomas Kimball Jr
Jacob Dodge
Isaac Dodge
} Committee

Wenham octr 22. 1804.

the Vot was put to see if the Town would receive the report of the committee as above Stated & the Moderator Declared that thare was not Vote to receive the Committees report but Declared that thare was a tie in polling the house. and upon this Mr Moderator Disolved said Meeting and it was Disolved accordingly.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T Clk

Town Meeting Oct.[6] 1804.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the 29th Day of octr instant at three oclock P.M. for the purpose of seeing whether the Town would chuse a committee to oppose the Petition of Wm Gray Jr and others praying for a road through the Westerly part of Wenham as by warrant on file may more fully appear. Tyler Porter chosen Moderator for said meeting.
1[ly] Voted to chuse a Committee consisting of three persons oppose said petition Viz Dr Daniel Killam Lut John Dodge Jacob Dodge be the above said committee for the above purpose of opposing the Petition then Mr Moderator Desolved sd Meeting and accordingly it was Disolved

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

Town Meeting Nov 5. 1804

Att a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham duly qualified to vote for Representatives in General Court of this Commonwealth holden at the Meeting House in sd Wenham on monday the fifth Day of November A.D. 1804. Votes were given for the following persons for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States to the Selectmen of said Town who presided at said meeting
Viz Att. Large.
The Hon James Sullivan of Boston
Hon Elbridge Gerry Esq of Cambridge
For Suffolk District Hon James Bowden—Boston
Essex South District Col. John Hathorne—Salem
Essex North District Dr Thomas Kildridge—Andover
Middle District Hon James Winthrop Esq Cambridge
Hampshire So. District Jonathan Smith Esq—W. Springfield
Hampshire No District Edw. Upham Esq.—New Salem
Plymouth District Hon. James Warren Esq—Plymouth
Bristol District Hon Josiah Dean Esq.—Raynham
Barnstable District Hon John Davis Esq.—Barnstable
Worcester So. District Gen Timothy Newell—Sturbridge
Worcester No. District Gen John Whiting—Lancester
Berkshire District Hon John Bacon Esq—Stockbridge

Norfolk District Hon. William Heath Esq—Roxbury
York. District Hon John Woodman Esq—Buxton
Cumberland District Charles Turner Esq—Turner
Kinnebeck. District Col Thomas Fellibrown—Hallowell
Lincoln District John Farley Esq.—New Castle

The above list had 21 votes for Electors.

At Large

Hon David Cobb Esq. of Goldsborough
Hon Oliver Wendell of Boston.
Suffolk District Hon John Coffin Jones—Boston
Essex So. District Hon. Benj Goodhue Esq—Salem
Essex No. District Hon Bailey Bartlett Esq—Haverhill
Middlesex District Eleazer Brooks Esq.—Lincoln
Hampshire So District Hon Wm. Shepard Esq—Westfield
Hampshire No. District Hon. Ebenezer Molton Esq —Amherst
Barnstable District Ebenezer Bacon Esq—Barnstable
Bristol District Hon George Leonard Esq.—Norton
Worcester District So. Joseph Allen Esq.—Worcester
Worcester District No.-Hon Josiah Stearns Esq—Lunenburg
Berkshire District Hon David Rossiter Esq—Richmond
Norfolk District Hon Cotton Tufts Esq—Weymouth
York District Hon John Lane Esq—Berwick
Cumberland District Hon Isaac Parker Esq—Portland
Lincoln District Hon Thomas Rice Esq—Wiscasset
Kennebeck District Samuel Wilder Esq—Hallowell
Plymouth District Hon William Sever Esq—Barnstable

The above list had forty votes for Electors

Likewise votes given in for Representative to Congress Essex South District Viz

Nathan Reed Esq thirty nine Votes

Hon. Jacob Crowninshield Esq twenty one Votes

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clerk

Nov. Meeting 1804

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the twelth Day of Nov^b^r 1804 agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen upon file May More fully appear
Dea Stephen Dodge chosen Moderator of Said Meeting
1^ly^ Votd To give Mr David Jewett five hundred Dollars a year as a salary annually as Long as he shall continue to be their Minister or supply the Desk in said Town with the us of the parsonage land. Voted for Mr Jewett 22 against 16
2^ly^ Votd to Chuse a committee consisting of three Persons to in form Mr Jewett of the Doing of the Town Relative to their Proposal of salary as being Called their Minister in said Town.
Viz Lut John Dodge Isaac Porter & Lut Will m Dodge be the above said committee for the above said Purpose.
3^ly^ Votd To pass by the third article in the warrant which was to see if the Town would Chuse a Town Clerk & Selectman in the room of the Present Declining to serve any longer or his Desire to Retire from that office.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clerk

March Meeting 1805

Att an Annual Meeting of The Qualified Voters Conveined on Tuesday the fifth Day of March 1805 for the Purpose of Electing Town officers for the insuing year & for Raising Money for Exegencies of the Town in the insuing year & transact other Business as Expressed in said warrant on file May More fully appear Samuel Blanchard Esq chosen Moderator for said Meeting. The following chosen into office & sworn to the Faithful discharge of their office

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Joseph Fairfield Chosen Town Clerk.

Edmond Batchelder
Isaac Dodge Selectmen.
Joseph Fairfield

Nathaniel Kimball	Town Treasurer
Paul Porter Joshua Orne	Const—
John Baker Olivar Dodge	Tythingmen
Nathaniel Kimball Nicholas Dodge Caleb Kimball Abraham Knowlton	Survey-Highways
Edward Perkins Oliver Dodge Enos Gallop Joshua Orne Peter Dodge John Cleaves	Haywards.
Capt John Dodge Isaac Porter Thomas Kimball Jr	Surveyors fences.
Nathaniel Kimball Samuel obear Joshua orne Downing Gentlee John Cleaves.	Hog rieves
Capt Palatiah Brown Lut Will m Dodge Joseph Fairfield Nehemiah Stanley	Corders of Wood.
Capt Edmund Batchelder	Sealer W & Measures
John Hooker Samuel Fisk Jr	Sealers of leather

Capt John Dodge Over
Dr Daniel Killam Seer
John Baker Poor

Votd 3^{ly} To Raise the sum of four Hundred Dollars for the Purpose of Preaching the ensuing year — — $400.

3^{ly} Vt To raise the sum of two hundred and Ten Dollars for the Purpose of Schools in said Town the insuing year $210

out of the above that part of the Town called Little Comfort is to have ten Dollars over & above their Proportion of the two hundred Dollars.

5^{ly} Votd To Raise the sum of two hundred Dollars for the Poor $200

6^{ly} V"t that a Committee Consisting of five persons be Chosen to Procure Some Suitable Character to Preach in said Town as a Candidate for the Ministry

Viz Richard Hood Isaac Porter Capt Edmund Batchelder Lut Will m Dodge & Benjm Edwards be the above Said Committee for the above said Purpose

7^{ly} Vt To Put a stop to horses & cattle & swine in going at Large in the highway the insuing year

8^{ly} V. To pass by the eighth article in the warrant which was to Raise a sum of Mony for a Singing School

9^{ly} V To pass by the Ninth article in the warrant which was To raise a Sum of Mony to clear the highway of snow in the winter season.

10^{ly} V. To chuse a Committee Regulate the Ketching of alewife in Mile River so called Viz Dr Daniel Killam Lut John Dodge & Jacob Dodge be the above said Committee for the above said purpose

11^{ly} Vd. that the Collecting of taxes be Let out to the Lowest bidder as usual Viz the west Ward was Let To Samuel Fisk Jr at one Dollar & Seventy cent Pr hundred. — — 1.70

The East ward was Let to Abraham Edwards Jr at one Dollar & 50 cts — — — — — — — 1.50

The Parsonage Land was Let to Adam Reddington for seventeen Dolls. $17.

the Ringing of the Bell was let to Simeon Friend for six Dol 90 cts — — — — — — — — 6.90

The Pound was Let to Edward Perkins for the Lawful fees.

The Poor Viz the Wid Perrie was set to Paul Porter at 1./78 cts per Week $92.56

Betty Center to John Baker for 2/7 ct week 22.36

W^d Servey to John Baker at 40 cts Pr week 20.80

the above said poors Clothing is to be made as Good by the Persons taking of them at the end of the year as they was when they took them
Doc^ng & washing excepted.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Preambulation of Line Between Wenham & Danvers
March 1805.

We The Subscribers having Met this 28th Day of March 1805 for the Purpose of Perambulating the Line & Renewing the Bounds Between Wenham & Danvers & haveing Proceeded as followeth viz.
Beginning at white oak Stump Marked D.W.B. standing in the wall between En. Paul Porter & Lut Corn^l Baker from thence westerly to a Willow tree Marked W-D near Leaches Meadow so called at the Easterly end of a Divisional wall on the farm owned by Isreal Putnam 3^d from thence to a stake standing on the westerly side of Wenham Causway which is the Bounds between said Wenham & Porter farm so called, from thence to a stake & stones standing at the Westerly end of said Causway about Six Poll at the Westward that being the corner Bounds Between said Wenham, Danvers & Topsfield

Jona^th Walcut Johnson Proctor Nathan Felton	Sel m Danvers.	Joseph Fairfield Edmund Batchelder	Sel^tm Wenham

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Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Conveined on Monday the first Day of April 1805. for the Purpose of Giveing their Vots for a Gov^n Lut Gov^n and Senators

for said County agreeable to the Constitution and Transact other Business as expressed in a warrant on file May More fully appear—

Votes for the following Persons was given in Viz for his Exc[l]

Caleb Strong for Gov	42 Vot
for the Hon James Sullivan Esq for Gov	22
for Edward H Robbin Esq for Lut Gov	42
for the Hon[b] William Heath Esq for Lut Gov	23

Senators		Senators
Joseph Sprague Esq	23	Nathaniel Marsh
Dr Thomas Kittredge	23	Enoch Titcomb
Dr Daniel Killam	22	John Heard Esq
Col John Harthorn	23	Elias H. Derby
James Prince	23	Dr Joshua Fisher
William Pearson	23	John Phillips Jun
Thomas Pearly	1	had 44 vots each
each had vots		

1[ly] Samuel Blanchard Esq Chosen Moderator for the other Business of the Meeting

2[ly] Votes Givin for a County Treasurer Viz for the Hon[b]

Stephen Choate Esq for County treasurer — —	41 Vts
For Robert Farley Esq	18

3[ly] Vot To hear Mr Rufus Anderson a Longer term of time Voted. That this Meeting Stand adjourned with the third article in the warrant which was to see if the town would give Mr Rufus Anderson a call to be their Minister Till Monday the eight Day of April ensuing at four oclock P.M. att the Meeting House

A True Record attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

April Meeting Adjournment 1805

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham held by an adjournment on Monday the 8th Day of April 1805 for the purpose of Giving Mr Rufus Anderson a call— Samuel Blanchard Esq Moderator of said Meeting.

1[ly] Votd To Concur with the Churches Late Vote in giving Mr Rufus Anderson a call to be their Minister of the Gospel in said Town.

2ly Votd To Chuse a Committee conisisting of eighteen Persons to take into their Consideration what sum of Money and Proposal to Make Mr Rufus Anderson for a salary agreeable to the call of said Town as his being their Minister and make a Report at the adjournment of this Meeting Viz Tyler Porter Esq Capt John Dodge Capt Pelatiah Brown Lut John Dodge Isaac Porter Richard Hood James Friend Capt Isreal A Dodge Samuel Obear Joseph Fairfield Lut William Dodge Capt Edmond Batchelder Lut Isaac Dodge Jacob Dodge Benjamin Edwards Adam Reddington Nathan Brown Thomas Kimball Jun be the above said committee for the above Purpose.
3ly Votd that this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday the 15th Day of April ensuing at four oclock P.M. at the Meeting House for the Purpose of Receiveing the Report of the Town Committee — — — — — —

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T Ck.

April Meeting Adjournment 1805.

Att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment on Monday the 15th Day of April 1805 to act Respecting a Call given Mr Rufus Anderson to Preach the Gospel in the Town of Wenham.
Votd that the followin report of the committee Chosen at the Last Meeting to fix the compensation to Mr Anderson be taken & which passed in the affirmative Viz the Gentlemen of the Committee having Met report that the sum offered Mr Rufus Anderson for Preaching the Gospel in this Town is five hundred Dollars
Wenham April 8th 1805 Tyler Porter pr order
2ly Vot that the Town Reconsider the foregoing vote.
3ly Votd that Mr Rufus Anderson who has received a call to Preach the Gospel in the Town of Wenham Shall receive annually a compensation for his services the sum of five hundred Dollars so long as He continues the Preaching of the Gospel in sd Town and so long as the Necessarys of Life shall continue as they have been of Late years.
4ly Voted To chuse a Committee consisting of three Persons to Confer with Mr Anderson & inform him of this Doing of

the Town for his support as being their Minister of the Gospel in said Town and report at the next Meiting Viz Capt. John Dodge Isaac Porter Richard Hood be the above committee for the above purpose
5ly Votd that this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday the 13th Day of May insuing at 4 oclock P.M. at the Meeting House to Receive the report of the Committee

Samel Blanchard Esq Moderator
A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Monday April 13th 1905. Meeting by adjournment

Att a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham holden by ajournment on Monday the 13th Day of May 1805 at 5 oclock P.M. for the purpose of receiving the report of the town committee relative to their conferring with Mr Rufus Anderson being called by sd town as their Minister of the Gospel and proposals of salary—
Voted 1st That the town of Wenham allow Mr Anderson one hundred and fifty Dollars annually for his support in case he should be deprived of the ability to preach the Gospel while he continues the Minister of sd Town
Voted (2) That Mr Anderson have the use of the parsonage land and the pew in the meeting house during his ministry
Voted (3) That this meeting stand ajourned till Tuesday the 4th day of June to be holden at the Meeting house at 4 oclock P.M. — — Samuel Blanchard Esq Modr

A true record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T. C.

Att a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham holden on Monday the 13th day of May 1805 for the purpose of seeing whether sd Town would chuse a person to represent them in the General Court of this State to be conveined on the last Mon day in May at Boston and transact other business as expressed in sd warrant which on file may more fully appear — — Voted (st) To dismiss the first article in the warrant.
(2) To chuse a Moderator Tyler Porter Esq chosen.

(3) voted to raise the sum of three hundred dollars to repair the highways the ensuing year and that the labor stand as usual.

A true record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. C.

Att. a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment on Tuesday the fuorth Day of June A.D. 1805 Samuel Blanchard Esq Moderator.

1ly that the sum of five hundred Dollars as a salary for the Revd Rufus Anderson with its qualifications respecting the Prices of the Necessary of Life be made Permanent as long as he continues to Preach the Gospel in the Town of Wenham

2ly Vt that the sum of one hundred fifty Dollars voted the Last Town Meeting to Mr Rufus Anderson in event of his beeing Deprived of the ability to Preach the Gospel be Reconsidered

Voted in the affermative.

3ly Votd that this Meeting stand adjourned Tuesday the eighteenth Day of June insuing at five oclock P.M. at the Meeting House

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T Clk

Mr Rufus Anderson Answer

Beloved Brethen and friends of the Church & Town of Wenham.

Your Respectful and friendly attention to me Your candor in hearing my Descourses from the Desk and especially Your Mutual forbearance and happy union in your Late efforts in the Church & Town are among the Principal Motives which incline me to hope that your Call to me is a Call from God. in view of the Great Work of the Ministry and in view of the General Circumstances of the work before me I seamed Called to Proceed trusting Much under God to *Stability* in continueing a *united candid* and friendly People in the service of such a People of Christ will make me faithful it (is) my Desire to spend & to be spent, indeavoring to trust in the Head of the Church of & under him to trust in you also

I consent with Divine Leave to take upon me the work of the Ministry among you not doubting but that in the Support you have afforded me it is your general and sincere intention that I should Live by the Gospel, I hope to injoy the benefit of your liberal habit in gratuity of a Sabbath or two in a year if I should wish for it that I may Relax for health and Visiting friends, that our prayers to God for each other & for the success of the Gospel in the world may not fail in this Devout Desire of friends & brethren

Your Sarvent in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rufus Anderson

Wenham Tus the 8th 1805.

June Meeting

Att a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment on Tuesday the 18th Day of June 1805.

Samuel Blanchard Esq Moderator.

1ly Voted to chuse a Committee consisting of five Persons to make arrangements for the Reinstalment of the Revd Rufus Anderson to the Gospel Ministry in the town of Wenham Viz Dea Stephen Dodge Capt John Dodge Tyler Porter Esq Lut John Dodge and Isaac Porter be the above said committee for the above said purpose

2ly Voted that the same committee be impowered to appoint a time to fix on some place or Persons to entertain the Council that may be called to the instalation at the expense of the Town

3ly Vtd that this meeting be adjourned without Day and then Mr Moderator Declared said Meeting adjourned accordingly

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T Ck

Perambulation Between Wenham & Topsfield

We the Subscribers Having met this Nineteenth Day of Decmr 1805 in order to Perambulate the Line & Renew the bounds between Wenham and Topsfield and have Proceeded as followeth. Viz

Begining at a stake & stones near the Northwesterly end of

Wenham Causway so called Being abound Between Wenham Topsfield & Danvers, from thense N. 36½ East 117½ Poll to a Stone marked W:T. by a wall Dividing Jacob & Joshua Town Land from thence North 15 East 82½ Poll to a stake & stone Marked W:T. at the North East Corner of Robinsons Island so called thence North 20½ East 60 Poll to a stake and stones at the south west corner of Wenham Island so called thence North 58½ East 29 Poll to the River at the North west corner of Wenham Island thence Easterly by the River to Hamilton Line &c

Nath Hammond Robert Perkins Joseph Batchelder	Selectmen of Topsfield
Joseph Fairfield Edmund Batchelder	Selectmen of Wenham

Preambulation between Wenham & Hamilton

We the Subscribers Haveing Meet this twenty six Day of December 1805 in order to Preambulate the Line and Renue the Bounds between Wenham & Hamilton and have proceeded as followeth Viz

Begining at Dodge Stump so called from thence to a Beach on the edge of upland on the West side of the Brook, from thence to a White Oak tree Marked W:H in the Wall from thence to a Hemlock Marked W:H from thence to a Pine stump with stones about it, from thence to a stake and stones on the North side of Snake Hill from thence to a white oak stump near Ezra Knowltons House from thence to White oak tree Marked W:H in Col Robert Dodges Land from thence to a Sasafras Marked W:H in John Lovering land from thence to a post in the wall near John Gardners House from thence to Walnut tree Marked W:H in the corner of Palatiah Brown Land near Perkins House from thence to a Hemlock tree Marked W:H the West side of Pleasant Pond Brook in Job Smith Land from thence to a Hemlock Tree Marked W:H on Hemlock Island from thence to a Beech Tree Marked W:H on fowler Island from thence

to a white oak tree Marked W:H on fowler Island from thence to a Nail Mapple so called Marked W:H from thence to a Poplar tree standing against the wall on the East side of Wenham Island so called. & & cc.

Henry Dodge Abraham Patch Lemuel Brown	Selectmen of Wenham. (Hamilton)?	Joseph Fairfield Edm Batchelder Isaac Dodge	Selectmen of Wenham

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March Meeting 1806

Att annual Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Conveined on Tuesday the fourth Day of March A.D. 1806. For the Purpose of Chusing Town officers for the insuing Year and to Raise Money for the insuing year and Transact other Business as Expresed in said warrant on file may More fully appear

Viz Samuel Blanchard Esq chosen Moderator to Govern said Meeting and the following Persons Chosen in to office & sworn to the faithful Discharge of their office

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Joseph Fairfield Chosen Town Clerk

Isaac Dodge Edward Perkins Joseph Fairfield	Selectmen
Nathaniel Kimball	Town Treasurer
Thomas Kimball Joseph Friend	Constables
Samuel Fisk Jr Downing Gentlee	Tything Men.
Capt I. Andrew Dodge Uzziel Dodge Downing Gentlee	Surveyors
Willm Brown	Highways.

Caleb Kimball Jonath Porter Nehemiah Stanley	Surveyors Fence
James Friend Abraham Knowlton ^{cap} Edm^{d} Batchelder Capt John Dodge Capt I. Andrew Dodge	Hog Rieves
Joseph Fairfield Capt Palatiah Brown Lu^{t} Willm Dodge Nath^{a}n Potter Nehem Stanley	Corders of Wood.
Joseph Friend	Sealer Weight Meas——
John Hacker Sam^{ll} Fisk Jr Dr Daniel Killam Capt John Dodge John Baker	Sealer Leather Overseer Poor
Capt Palatiah Brown Capt I. Andrew Dodge James Friend Thomas Kimball Joseph Friend Nich Dodge John Cleaves	Hayward.

3^{ly} Voted To raise 500 Dollars for the Rev Rufus Andersons salary

4^{ly} Voted. To Raise the sum of 200 Dollars for Schools the insuing year.

5^{ly} Vtd To Give that Part of the Town called Little Comfort 20 Dollars over and above their proportion of School Money

6^{ly} Votd the sum of 150 Dollars for the Poor the insuing year

7^{ly} Votd. To Pay the Rev Rufus Anderson salary half yearly Payments.

8ly Votd that the Ministerial tax should not be asessed by it self.
9ly Votd. to except the way that the Selectmen Lay out over Land of Timothy Higgins and Land of Abraham Knowlton which is hereafter Recorded.
10ly Votd that thare be a Committee consisting of three Persons Chosen to View the Road Petitioned for in the East Part of the Town to be straightened and widend as Petitioned for.
Vis Lut John Dodge Isaac Porter and Richard Hood to be the said Committee to view the Road and that they make a Report at April Meeting ensuing. and what was in this opinion to be Done on said way.
11ly Votd that the Selectmen and School Committee when chosen in each School Ward for procuring School Masters for the time being shall be a committee for the Purpose of Visiting Schools with the Rev Rufus Anderson for the better Management of Schools agreeable to Law.
the Collection of taxes was bid of by Uzzial Dodge for the whole Town
West Ward $1.36 cnt Pr hundred Dollars.
East Ward $1.41 cnt.
the Bell was Let to Oliver Dodg for the sum of 10 Dollars.
the Pound was Let to James Cook for the Lawful fee
Mrs Perri was Let to Capt I Andrew Dodge for $1.49 cnt Pr Week.
Betty Senter was Let to Downing Gentlee for 45 Cnts Pr week.
Mercervy was Let to Downing Gentlee for 48 Cnts. Pr week.
the above said Poor is to have their Cloath as good at the year end as when Let. Nursing Doc Bill Exempts

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T C. K.

Timothy Leach deed to Daniel Butman.

Know all Men by these Presents that I Timothy Leach of Danvers in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Lydia my wife in consideration of Sixteen Dollars Paid me by Daniel Butman of Wenham in said County Cooper the Receipt where off we do hereby

acknowledge Do hereby Give Grant Sell and Convey unto the said Daniel Butman A Pew in the Rev Rufus Anderson Meeting House in Wenham said Pew is situated on the Lower floor & in the Southwesterly Corner Pew of the Body Pew. To have and to hold the Granted Premesis with the appurtenances to the said Daniel Butman his heirs and assigns To his and their Proper us and benefit for ever and We the said Timothy Leach and Lydia Leach for our selves, heirs Executors & administrators Do hereby Covenant with the said Daniel Butman their heirs & assigns that we are Lawfully seized in fee of the premesis that they are free of all incumbrances that we have Good Right to sell & Convey the same to the said Daniel Butman and that we will and our heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and Defend the same to the said Daniel Butman to him his heirs and assigns forever against the Lawful Claim and Demand of any Person.

In witness whereof we the said Timothy Leach & Lydia Leach my wife have unto sett our hand & seal this thirtieth Day of Nov^b in the year of our Lord one thousand eight houndred and five.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presents of us		Seal
Nathan Putnam	Timothy Leach	⊙
Amos Putnam	Lydia Leach	⊙

Essex S S. Nov^b 30th 1805

then the above Named Timothy Leach and Lydia Leach personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed before me

Amos Putnam Just-Peace

Essex S S. Recorded in the Town Clerk Book
March 8 1806.

Examined & Recorded by Joseph Fairfield T Clerk

April Meeting 1806.

Att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held on the seventh evening the first Monday of April 1806 for the

purpose of Giving in their Vots for A Govr, Lut Govr & Senators for said County agreeable to the Constitution and Transact other business as exprest in said warrant on file May More fully appear.

Vot Given for Excly. Caleb Strong Esq for Gov.	39	Vots.
for Hon James Sullivan Esq for Gov	24	
Vot Given for Hon Edward H Robbins Esq fer Lt Gov	40	
for Hon William Heath Esq for Lut Gov	24	

Senators		Senators.	
Enoch Titcomb	36	Joseph Sprague	28 Vot
John Heard	36	Dr Thomas Kittridge	
Elias H Derby	36	John Harthorn Esq	
John Phillips Jr	36	Dr Daniel Killam	
Nath^{n} Thurston	36	Moses Little	
John Row. Esq.	35	David Pearce	
Dr Daniel Killam	1		

2^{ly} Voted Capt Palatiah Brown chosen Moderator to Govern said Meeting.

3^{ly} Vots Given for Amos Choat for Register of Deeds	39	
for John Punchard Register Deed	22	
4^{ly} Vot Given for Hon Stephen Choat County Treas.	35	
for Robert Farley County Treas.	21	

5^{ly} Vot. that the Selectmen Should abate Abraham Weyatt tax for year 1805.

6^{ly} Vot To put a stop to Cattle & Horses in going at Large in the Highway the ensuing year

7^{ly} Votd that the Constables shall Post warrant by notification as the Selectmen shall Direct in warning Town Meetings for the futer

8^{ly} Votd that Doc Killam Lut John Dodge & Jacob Dodge be a committee to regulate the Ketching of alewives in Miles River so called then Mr Moderator Disolved said Meeting a accordingly it was Disolved

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk

May Meeting 1806

Att A Legal Meeting of The inhabitants of Wenham Qualified to Vote for Representative Conveined on Friday the 9th Day of May at 4 oclock P.M. at the Meeting House for the purpose of seeing whether the Town would Chuse a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be Holden on the Last Monday of May insuing at Boston and transact other business as exprest in said warrant on file May More fully appear

1 Voted To adjourn the first Paragraph in said warrant with out Day.—the which was to send a Representative.

2ly Votd. Tyler Porter Esq Chosen Moderator to Govern said Meeting.

3ly Votd that the sum of three hundred Dollars to repair the Highway the insuing year and Labor as the Last year.

4ly Votd that Capt John Dodge & Nehemiah Stanley was chosen Surveyors of Highways in addition to them already chosen

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5ly Votd To chuse a Committee Consisting of three Persons to meet the Honb Court of Sessions Committee relative to Straightening and widening the road from Hamilton to Beverly line on the County Road.

6ly Votd. that Dr Daniel Killam Tyler Porter Esq and Samuel Blanchard Eq be said Committee for the above said purpose

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7ly Votd. that the Selectmen be a committee to revise the List of Jurors agreeable to the Laws of the Commonwealth

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8ly Vtd to Except the report of a Committee relative to widening and straightening the Road in the East Part of the Town as by Petition Prayed for.

they Report that in their opinion that the road want widening and straighting and that the Court of Sessions be Petitioned for the Purpose of widening and straighting the above

Mentioned road as Petition on file May more fully appear. then Mr Moderator Declared Said Meeting Disolved and accordingly it was Dissolved

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

Preambulation between Wenham & Manchester

We the Subscribers Having Meet this 22th Day of May A.D. 1806 in order to Preambulate the Line and Renew the Bounds between the Town of Wenham & the Town of Manchester and have proceeded as followeth

Viz Beginning at a heap of rocks at Beverly Corner so called running from thence to a Pine tree Marked W:M from thince on said Line as it Runs till it comes to a Pine Tree Marked W:M near Dodge Stump so called which is the Bound Between the Town of Wenham & Manchester & Hamilton &C — — —

Delucina Lathrop Bingham	Joseph Fairfield
Israel Foster	Isaac Dodge
Selectmen of Manchester.	Selectmen of Wenham.

We the Subscribers Having Mett this 21th Day of May A.D. 1806 in order to preambulate the Line & Renew the Bounds Between the Town of Wenham & Beverly & have proceeded as followeth Viz

Begining at a White oak stump standing in the wall between the Land of Cornelius Baker & Paul Porter Marked W:B: D Proceeded thence on a straight course South Seventy one Degrees & thirty minits East to a bound in Paul Porters orchard which stone is set in the ground Marked W:B and thence South Eighty Degrees & thirty minits East to a bound called Alfords Stone Marked W:B in James Kimballs Land thence to a corner of the wall on the Eastern side of the County Road three feet & one half Southerly of an apple tree standing to the Northward of Charles Dodge Land form ally Free Balches Land Marked W: B thence to a stake & stones in Jacob Dodges Land said Line is about four feet Southerly of a White oak tree Marked W:B which is about Seventy feet Westerly of said Stake & Stones thence to a

long stone by the wall the South side of the Highway a few Rod Easterly of the Barn belonging to Jacob Edwards one rod & half Northerly of an appletree in said Edwards Land Marked W:B thence to a stake & stones near Larcomb Corner so called Marked W:B thence to a heap of stones to the East side of Longham Meadow thence to an apple tree the South side of the Road by the Mile Stone about twenty Poll westerly of Simon Wyatt House Marked W:B thence to a stake the Easterly side of Rackoon Marsh so called thare to a White oak stump in the wall in Land of George Standly which stump is about two poll and one half Southerly of a Pine tree by the wall Marked W:B thence turning Northerly to a White oak tree now a stump on Gravel Ridg Marked W:B thence Easterly to a corner of Prestons Field three feet southerly of a walnut stump with a stake by it Marked W:B thence in a straight Line from Preston Corner to a Pine stump Marked W:B:M which is a Bound between Wenham Beverly & Manchester &c — —

Preambulation Between Wenham & Beverly

John Francis	Selectmen
Eb^{n}z Rea	Beverly
Joseph Fairfield	Selectmen
Isaac Dodge	Wenham

Att a Legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Wenham Convened on Friday the 25th Day of July 1806 for the purpose of Chusing a Committee to Meet the Court Committee Relative to Straightng & widenry the Road from Fishers Corner through Dodge Row so Called to Hamilton Line as by warrant on file May more fully appear — — — —

1^{ly} Vtd Palatiah Brown Chosen Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} Voted To Chuse a Committee consisting of three Persons to Meet the Court Committee Viz Jacob Dodge Dr Daniel Killam & Capt Palatiah Brown be the Committee for the above said purpose.

then Mr Moderator Declared said Meeting to be adjourned with out Day. and accordingly it was adjd.

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T. CK.

Nov^{b}r Meeting for Representative for Congress 1806
Att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Duly Qualified to Vote for Representatives in General Court of the Commonwealth held on Monday the 3^{d} Day of Nov^{b} A.D. 1806 for the purpose of giveing in their Votes for a Representative to Represent the Essex South District in Congress of the United States.
The following Persons was Voted for Viz
Hon^{b} Jacob Crowninshield Esq had 17 Vots
Samuel Putnam Esq had — — — — — — — 20 Vots
1^{ly}. Votd To New sett the wall on the Burying ground against Road. and to Let it out to the Lowest bidder A trench to be Dig six inches Deep the wall to be faced as much as the Rock would admit of & be four feet High
Voted to Chuse a Committee for to enspect the Making of the wall agreeable to the Vote Consisting of three Persons. Viz
Capt Palatiah Brown Isaac Porter Dea William Dodge be the above Said Committee for the above said Purpose.
the setting of the wall was Let out to Dea Wm^{ll} Dodge for the Sum of 42 cts pr rod he finding all Material.

A True Record Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

This Indenture Witnesseth
That we Palatiah Brown William Dodge & Thomas Kimball Jun overseers of the Poor of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hath Put & Placed & by these Presents Doth Put & Bind out Polly Wyatt one of the Poor & the said Polly Wyatt Doth here by Put Place & Bind out Herself as an Apprentice to Paul Porter & his wife Nancy of Wenham in said County & Commonwealth afore said to Learn the art trade or Mystery of a spinster & the said Polly after the manner of an apprentice to Dwel with & serve the said Paul Porter & his wife from the Day of the Date hereoff until the Ninth Day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & Seven During all which time or term the Said apprentice Sd Master well & faithfuly shall Serve, His secrets keep & his Lawful Commands every

where. Att all times readily obey She shall not wast the goods of her Sd Master nor lend them unlaufuly to any. At cards Dice or any unlawful game she shall not Play fornication she shall not Committ Nor Matrimony Contract During the Said time. Taverns ale house or place of Gameing she shall not haunt or frequent from the service of her Sd Master. She shall not haunt or frequent from the serving of her said Master She shall not absent herself but in all thing & at all time she shall Carry & behave herself as a Good & Faithful apprentice ought During the whole term or time afore said & the Sd Paul Porter on his part Doth honbly Promise Covernant & Agree to teach & instruct the Said apprentice or cause him to be taught & instructed in the art trade or Calling of a Spinster by the best way or manner he Can & Learn her to read Writ & to find her sufficient Meat Drink Cloathing & to give her a good Sut of apparel when her time is out. In testimony Where of the Said Porters have here unto interchangeably Sett our hands & seals the second Day of Nov^{b}r in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & three

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presents of		Seals
Richard Hood	Palatiah Brown	⊙
John Moulton	Willm Dodge	⊙
	Thomas Kimball	⊙
	Paul Porter	⊙

A True Record. Attest Joseph Fairfield T. Clk.

A. division of fence between Col Robert Dodge of Hamilton & Capt John Dodge of Wenham as follows, Said land lying in wenham Viz beginning at the northeasterly corner of the same said Roberts part to run thirty rods & five links the John Dodge Jr part to run thirty and five links thence on the Southerly side of the same twenty six rod and nineteen links then Colonel Dodge to run nineteen rods twenty one links the said John Dodge to run twenty six

(Note the above never signed.)

This Indenture Witnesseth
That we Palatiah Brown Will m Dodge & Thomas Kimball Jr. overseers of the Poor for the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hath Put Placed & by these presents Doth Put & Bind out Sally Wyatt one of the Poor & the said Sally Daughter of Jonathan Wyatt Doth here by put Place & bind out her self as an apprentice to John Pierce of Beverly in sd County & Commonwealth afore sd Blacksmith To learn the art trade or mystery Spinster the said Sally after the manner of an apprentice to dwell with and serve the said John Pierce & his wife from the Day of Date off the Sixth Day of February which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Fourteen. During all which time or term the said apprentice her Said master well and faithfully shall serve his secrets keep and his lawful commands every where at all times readily obey; She shall do no damage to her said master nor wilfully suffer any to be done by others; and if any to her knowledge be intended she shall give her master reasonable notice there of. She shall not wast the goods of her master nor lend them unlawfully to any. At cards, dice or any unlawful game She shall play; fornication she shall commit nor matrimony contract during said term. Taverns, Ale houses or places of gameing she shall not haunt or frequent. From the service of her said master she shall not absent herself but in all things and at all times She shall Carry and behave herself as a good and faithful apprentice aught during the whole time or term afore said And the said John Pierce on his part doth hereby promise Covenant and agree to teach and instructed in the art trade or calling of a spinster by the best ways or means he can; and to learn her to read & write. To find her sufficient Meat Drink Clothing and give her a Good Suite of apparrel when her Time is out.
In testimony where of the said parties have here unto interchangeably set our hands and seals the second Day of Nov^{b}r in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Three

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presents of us

		Seals
John Moulton	Pelatiah Brown	⊙
Richard Hood	William Dodge	⊙
Nicholas Pierce	Thomas Kimball Jr	⊙
	John Peirce Jr.	⊙

A True Record Attest J. Fairfield T.C.

This Indenture Witnesseth

That we Daniel Killam John Dodge And John Baker Oversers of the poor of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex By Virtue of a Law of the Commonwealth in such Case made & provided have placed and by these Presents Do place and Bind out as an apprentice a poor Child Named Andrew Wyett Son of Jonathan Wyett of Sd Wenham who is lawfully settled in and become Chargeable to Sd Town and is thought by sd Overseers to be unable to maintain himself we therefore do by these presents Bind out the Sd Andrew Wyett unto Wil^{m} Kimball of said Wenham Mariner to learn the art trade or Mastery of a Cord Wainer and the Sd Andrew shall serve after the manner of an apprentice and dwell with the Sd Wm Kimball & serve him from the Date hereoff until the Day of October Which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty two When if the Sd apprentice be living he will be Twenty one years of age.

During all which time or term the Sd Apprentice shall serve his said Master well and faithfully his secrets keep & his lawful commands every where readily obey he shall do no Damage to his Sd Master nor willingly suffer any to be done by others and if any to his knowledge be intended he shall give his master reasonable notice there of. he shall not wast his masters goods nor lend them unlawfully to any at cards Dice or any unlawful game he shall not play.

Fornication he shall not Commit nor Matrimony Contract during the Sd term. Taverns Ale houses or places of gaming he shall not haunt or frequent from the service of his Sd Master. he shall not absent himself but in all things and at all times he shall Carry and behave himself as a good and faithful Apprentice ought During the whole time or term

afore said. And the Sd Wm Kimball on his part Doeth Hereby promise and agree to teach or instruct the Sd apprentice or cause him to be taught and instructed in the art trade or Calling of a Cordwainer the best way an means he can and also to teach and instruct the Sd apprentice or cause him to be taught and instructed to Read & Write and Crypher as far as the Rule of Three if the said apprentice be capable to Learn and shall well and truly find and provide for the Sd apprentice good and sufficent Meat Drink Clothing Lodging and other Necessaries fit and convenient for such an apprentice During the term afore said and in sickness and in health and at the Expiration there of shall give unto the Sd apprentice two Suits of clothes or wearing apparell one suitable for Lords Day the other for working Days

In testimony where of the parties afore said have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals this first Day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Six

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of us	Daniel Killam	⊙
David Bailey	John Dodge	⊙
Anna Bailey	John Baker	⊙
	Wm Kimball	⊙

A True Record Attest.

Joseph Fairfield T Clerk.

A Division of fence Between Col Robart Dodge of Hamilton and Capt John Dodge of wenham as followeth.

Said land Lying in wenham beginning at the northeasterly Corner of the Same Said Robarts part to run thirty rod and Five links, thence on the southerly Side of the same Twenty six rods and nineteen links then Col Dodge to run Nineteen rods twenty one links the said John Dodge to run Nineteen rod then said Robart Dodge to run twenty six rods to the bound first mentioned also a Peace of stone wall on

wenham line Said John Dodge to take five rods and Fourteen links on the easterly and then said Robart Dodge to take five rods and fourteen links on the westerly end.
Hamilton Sept 2th 1808.

A True record from the minits

John Dodge
Robart Dodge

John Dodge Jun. T Cl.

March Meeting 1807.

Att a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham Conveined on the third Day of March 1807 at Nine oclock in the morning for the Purpos of Electing Town officers for the Insuing year and for voting money for the Rising Charges of the Town the Insuing year and other Bisness as by warrant may more fully appear.
Samuel Blanchard Esq chosen Moderator of sd. Meeting.
Viz the following Persons were Chosen into office and Sworn.

John Dodge Jun	Town Clerk.
Capt Isaac Dodge Edward Perkins John Baker	Selictmen
Dea William Dodge	Town Treasurer
Uzzial Dodge Thomas Kimball	Constables
Downing Gentlee John Cleaves	Tythingmen
Capt Palatiah Brown Thomas Kimball Porter Dea William Dodge James Friend John Cleaves	Surveyors of. Highways

John T. Dodge Joseph Friend Capt. Israel A. Dodge	Surveyors of Fence
Samuel Fisk Capt William Kimball Joshua orne James Cook Nehemiah Stanly	Hogrieves
Dea William Dodge Thomas Kimball Nathl Porter Uzzial Dodge	Corders of Wood.
Capt. Israel A. Dodge Uzzial Dodge William Brown John Cleaves	Haywards.
Joseph Friend	Sealer Weights and Measures
John Hooker Sam^{el} Fisk	Sealer of Leather
Samuel Blanchard Esq. Capt. John Dodge Lt Paul Porter	overseers of the Poor

the Poor hired out by the overseers of Said Poor to Joseph Wight

Elizabeth Senter 40 cents per week.

Elizabeth Merserovy 27^{cts} pr week.

wid Pierce $1.78^{c} pr week.

Collector of Taxes for the West ward.

Lt Paul Porter Collector for West ward is to have for his Collection $1.01 for 100 Dollars John Hooker Collector for the East ward is to have $1.19 cent pr 100 Dollars

Oliver Dodge for ringing the bell one year 6 dollars.

Town officers sworn to faithful Discharge of their office

Selectmen and Town Clerk sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Trust in respect of all Elections and the Returns there off.

Attest John Dodge Jr T Clerk

3ly Voted Five hundred Dollars for the Reverend Rufus Andersons Salary
4ly Voted two hundred Dollars for School or Schools.
5ly Voted Fifty Dollars for the Eastern part of the E District For a School in this Town.
6ly Voted two hundred Dollars to surport the Poore.....
7ly Votd that the Ministers Tax shall be assest by it self the year insuing

A True Record Attest John Dodge Jr T. Clerk.

April Meeting 1807

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the first Monday in april 1807—for the Purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor Lt Governor and Senators for said County agreeable to the Constitution and Transact other bisness as expressed in said warrant on file may more fully appear

Votes given for his Excel. Caleb Strong Esq for governor	48 Votes
Votes for the Hon James Sullivan Esq for governor	27 Votes
Votes given for the Hon. Edward H. Robbinson Esq for Lut governor	44 Votes
Votes given for the Hon Levi Lincoln Esq for Lt. Governor	27 Votes

Votes For Senators		Votes For Senators.	
Joseph Sprague	26	Enoch Titcomb	45
Thos Kittridge	26	John Heard	45
Daniel Killam	24	John Phillips Jn.	45
John Hathorne	26	William Gray	45
William Pearson	26	Nathl Thurston	45
Capt Moses Little	26	Israel Thorndike	45
		Thos Pearly	1

2ly the Hon Timothy Pickering Esq Chosen moderator to govern said meeting.
3ly Vots given for the Hon Stephen Choat Esq for County Treasurer 44 votes
4ly Votes given for Robart Farley Esq for County Treasurer 25 votes
5ly Voted one hundred and fifty Dollars to Pay the County Tax and other Betiments for the Last year.
6ly Vot Four hundred Dollars for the repairs of the Highways the Current year
7ly Votd that the Selictmen and Surveyors of Highways be a Committee to regulate the Labour on said highways
8ly Votd that as much of the above said four hundred Dollars be Expended in the repairs of wenham Causway as they shall think Proper and the remainder on other of the Town Highways according to their best Discrition
9ly Voted that the two thirds of the floor under the seets on Each Side of the Ile in our meeting House be disposed of for Pues. the money raised by the sail of said Pues or floor shall be Laid out or Expended in Painting the Inside of said meeting house.
10ly Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make Sale of the above said Floore according to their best Discretion.
11ly Votd to Chuse a committee consisting of three men——
12ly Votd that John Dodge Jun Dea William Dodge and Abraham Dodge be a committee for the Porpos of regilating the alewives fishery In miles river so called.
and then mr. Moderator Declaired the meeting Disolved and it was accordingly Disolved

A True Record attest John Dodge Jun. T. Clerk

May Meeting 1807.

Att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of wenham Qualified to vot for representative Convened on wednesday 6th Day of may at Four oclock after noon at the usual Place of holding Town meetings for the purpose of seeing weather the Town would Choose a meet Person to represent them in the General Court begun and holdon on the at Boston on the Last

wednesday of may 1807 and transact other bisness as by warrant may appear.

it was put to see weather the Town would Choose a representative and it past in the negative.

Then made Choise of Tyler Porter Esq for a moderator.

2ly Votd to reconsider the vote pased at april meeting relative to selling Two thirds of the floor under the seats on each side of the Ile in our meeting house for pueas

3ly Voted that three quarters of the floor under the seets on each side of the Great Ile in our meeting house be sold at vandue to the heiast bider, the other quarter reserved for the use of the Revnd Rufus Anderson which is the frunt pue on the Westerly side of said Ile

4ly Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Despose of the floor for pues

5ly Votd that the Committee Chosen at april meeting past to dispose of the privlage of the alewive fishery in miles river at their discresation the year insuing

6ly Votd to dispose of a peace of Land adjoining Land of Isaac Porter Near wenham Pond Brook.

7ly Voted to Choose a committee consisting of three Persons to Dispose of said land

8ly Voted that Dea William Dodge Capt Pelatiah Brown Adam Reddington be a commettee to dispose of above said land.

voted 500 Dollars to Defray the Charge of widning and straitning the road through the middle Part of this Town

9ly Voted that neat Cattle shall not goe at Large in the highway the year insuing

the Collection of taxes was bid of by Lt Paul Porter at one Dollar one cent pr hundred Dollars for the West ward
Collection of Taxes was bid of by John Hooker at $1:19c per 100 Dollars for the East ward.

the Poor was Let to mr Joseph Wight for one year viz.

Elisabeth Senter at 40 cents pr week.
Elisabeth Meservy at 27 cents pr week
Widdow Parce at 1d 78c pr week.
the bell was Let to oliver Dodge for six Dollars per year

the Pound belonging to the Town Let to James Cook for 30 cent

A True record Attest John Dodge Jun T. Clerk.

This Indenture Witnisseth that Sam[el] Blanchard Esq Cap[t] John Dodge and Luit Paul Porter overseers of the Poor of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex by virtue of a Law of the Commonwealth In such case made and Provided have placed and by these Presents Do place and bind out as an apprentice a Poor Boy William Wyatt aged Eight years the Eleventh of November last past unto Bartholomew Wallis of Beverly in said County. the said William to dwell with and faithfully to serve the said Wallis after the manner of an apprentice until he arrives at the age of Twenty one years and the said Bartholomue wallis on his part doth hereby promise Covenant and agree to take and instruct the Sd. apprentice or cause him to be taught and instructed in the art Trade or Calling of a Cordwainer also to read write and Cipher as far as the rule of three if the said apprentice be capable to learn likewise to find and provide good and sufficient meat drink clothing and lodging and all other nessaries both in sickness and in health suitable for the Sd apprentice During the term of his apprenticship and at the expiration there of to give unto said apprentice one good new and Complete suit of Clothes Besides his common waring apparil.

In Witness where of the said Parties have hereunto interchangeably set our hands and seals the Sixteenth Day of april in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presents of

Nehemiah Smith	Bartholomew Wallis	⊙
Caleb Wallis	Samuel Blanchard	⊙
	Paul Porter	⊙
	John Dodge	⊙

Wenham
June 9th 1810

This may certefy the overseers of the poor of Wenham Do agree that the above indenture is Nul & Void and of know effect

A True Record attest John Dodge Jun. T. Clerk.

The Proseedings of the Committee of the Court of Sessions in widning and straightning the road through the middle part of this Town and allowances to each person for removing his wall and land & House into said road.

Elizabeth Gardner	43.20	John Lovering	8.57
Uzzial Dodge	36.78	Tyler Porter	5.22
Joshua Herrick	17.17	Henry Elkins	72.45
Rufus Anderson	39.10	Nath[1] Kimball	49.31
Isaac Porter	73.50	John Dodge Jr	58.50
Samuel Blanchard	40.48		
			194.05
	250.23		250.23
			444.28

The above Coppied from the Clerk of Sessions Records.
Salem January 26. 1808

John Dodge Jun T. Clerk.

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the year 1808

The Presedings of the Committee from the Session of Court in widning the road through the east ward of the Town of Wenham allowances.

Heirs of Amos Dodge	$21.68	Dea Nicholas Dodge	80.37
Abram. Edwards	84.—	Simon Dodge	3.50
Benj Edwards	65.61	C[ap] John Dodge	187.99
Joshua orne	3.00	John Dodge[3]	19.75
Nath[1] Flint	11.	Benjamin Dodge	153.66
William Dodge	41.98		
			227 27
	$227.27		445.27
			$672.54

March Meeting 1808.

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham Conveined on Tuesday the first Day of March 1808 For the Purpos of Choosing Town officers raising money for the exigency of the Town the Current year As by warrant may more fully appear

Samuel Blanchard Esq Chosen moderator

John Dodge Jun.	Town Clerk.
John Dodge Jun Dea William Dodge John Baker	Selectmen
Ct. Edmund Batchelder	Town Treasurer
William Brown Jon[a] Porter	Constables
Abra[m] Dodge Nicho[s] Dodge Cap[t] John Moulton James Friend John T. Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
Ct. Palatiah Brown James Friend	Surveyors of Fence
Uzziel Dodge Nehemiah Stanley Stephen Cook Joshua orne John Hooker	Hogrieves
Nath[l] Potter Eben[n] Tood Abr[m] Knowlton Nicho[l] Dodge Jr	Corders of Wood.
Cap[t] Edm[d] Batchelder	Sealer of Weights & Measures

John Hooker Sam[ll] Fisk	Sealer of Leather
Sam[ll] Blanchard Tho[s] Kimball Jon[a] Porter	overseers of the Poor
John Cleaves William Brown Ct William Kimball Dea William Dodge Caleb Kimball Thos. Kimball Joshua orne	Haywards
Capt. William Kimball Stephen Cook.	Tything men

Money voted.

voted for the Reverend Rufus Anderson	$500.00
2[ly] voted for Schools	200.00
3[ly] voted for the Poor	200.00
4[ly] voted — — — — — —	673.00

to defray the charge of widning and straightning the road through the East part of this Town.

5[ly] voted to Divide the East District in this Town.

6[ly] voted to Chuse a Committee consisting of five persons to Divide sr District

7[ly] voted that Jacob Dodge Dea William Dodge Ct Isaac Dodge John T. Dodge Nehemiah Stanly be a committee for the above Purpos and make report at April meeting.

the Privlage of ringing and toling the Bell and sweaping the meeting house For one year next in suing struck of to James Cook for six Dollars and seventy five cents.

the Collection of Taxes for the west ward of this Town by Caleb Kimball at one Dollar forty nine Cents on the hundred Dollars.

the Collection of taxes for the East ward of this Town by John Hooker at $1.18 on the hundred Dollars.

April Meeting 1808

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in their vots for Governor Lut Governor and Senators Pursuant to the Constitution and other Business as by warrant may more fully appear.

It being on the first monday of april being the fourth Day 1808.

votes Given in for his Excl James Sullivan Esq for Governor — — — — — — 24
Given in for the Hon Christopher Gore Esq for Governor — — — — — — 53
Given in for the Hon Caleb Strong Esq for Governor — — — — — — — 1
Given in for the Hon David Cobb Esq for Liut Governor — — — — — — — 55
Given in for the Hon Levi Lincoln Esq for Liut Governor — — — — — — — 22

Senators	vots.	Senators	
Enoch Titcomb	53	Daniel Killam	18
John Heard	54	John Harthorne	22
Nathaniel Thurston	53	Thos Whittredge	22
John Phillops Jun	53	William Preston	22
William Gray	53	Capt Moses Little	22
Samll Putnam	53	John Prince	22
		Nathan B. Martin	1

then Samuel Blanchard Esq was chosen moderator to govern said meeting.

votes Given in for the Hon Stephen Choate Esq for County Treasurer — — — — — — — 48 votes
Given in for Robart Farley Esq 21 votes for County Treasurer.

2ly voted two hundred Dollars to repair the Highways the Current year

3ly It was put to vote weather the meeting would Choose a committee to Assist the Selectmen in taking a valuation and it past in the negative

4ly voted that the Selectmen take a valuation of the Town the Currint year

5ly It was put to see if the Town would abate miss Murrays Tax and it past in the negative.
6ly voted to choose a committee of three Persons to widden the road by turning the corner of the wall by Pelatiah Browns Land also by turning the Corner of the wall by land of Dea Stephen Dodge Land by Petition
7ly voted that Jacob Dodge Abraham Dodge & Jona Porter be a committee for the above purpos.
Then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and it was disolved accordingly

A True Record Attest John Dodge Jr T. Clerk.

May Meeting 1808

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of wenham In the County of Essex on the tenth Day of may 1808 in order to Choose a meet person to represent them in the General Court of the Commonwealth for the Current year and other business as by warrant may more fully appear and then Samll Blanchard was unamiously chosen to represent this Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth the Current year then made choise of Samll Blanchard as moderator of said meeting.
It was put to vote to see what sum or sums of money the Town would vote to repair the highways the current year. In addition to two hundred Dollars voted at april meeting and it passed in the negative.
Then mr Moderator declared the meeting disolved.

A True record attest John Dodge Jun T. Clerk

Choice of Representative may 1808.

Att a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of wenham duly Qualified to vote for representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble on Monday the twenty third Day of may to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative to represent the Essex South District in Congress of the united States of America in the room of the Hon Jacob Crowningshield Esq

Deceased and then gave in to the Selectmen twenty four votes For Joseph Story Esq to represent the Essex South District In Congress of the united States of america

A. True record attest John Dodge Jr T. Clerk

Att a meeting of the Town of wenham on the first Monday of November 1808. Qualified as the Constitution Directs to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative to represent the South essex district In the eleventh Congress of the united States of america
For the Hon Benjamin Pickman fifty eight votes.
For the Hon Daniel Killam nineteen votes

A True record attest John Dodge Jun Town Clerk.

Att a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham on thursday the Seventeenth Day of Jan-y 1809 to see if the Town would pay one hundred fifty-five Dollars a Demand made by the overseers of poor of Salem, voted that the overseers of said wenham obtain the best Council and prosead according to their best Descression

A True record John Dodge Clerk.
Mr Jacob Dodge Chosen moderator.

Febu^{y} meeting 1809.

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on the thirteenth Day of Febuy 1809. Capt Henry Elkins chosen Moderator.
Did but meet and adjourned to the Seventh Day of March next insuing at nine o clock in the forenoon

A True record attest John Dodge Jun. T. Clerk

This Indenture vitnesseth that Samuel Blanchard Richard Hood and William Brown overseers of the poor of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex State of Massachusetts by virtue of a law of this Commonwealth in such cases

made and provided have placed and by these presents do place and bind out as an apprentice a poor Child by the name of — Wyett son of Hannah Wyett who is an inhabitant of said Town and who is likely to become chargeable to said Town of Wenham and who his thought by the said overseers to be inable of maintaining him unto William Dodge son of John T. Dodge of the same town to learn such art or trade as the Sd Dodge together with said overseers or their successors in office Shall agree to or such compensation make to him the said wyatt shall be here after mentioned the said Wyatt after the manner of an apprentice to dwell with and serve the said Dodge from the day of the date here of until the Twenty third day of October which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty five when the said Wyatt if he be then liveing will be twenty one years of age during which time the Sd apprentice his Master shall well and truly serve, his secrets keep and his lawful commands every were readily obey he shall do no damage to his master nor suffer any to be done by others and if any to his knowledge shall be intended. he shall give his Master reasonable notice thereof, he shall not lend or waste the goods of the Sd Master. at cards or dice he shall not play, fornication he shall not commit nor matrimony contract during the sd term taverns, ale houses or places of gameing he shall not visit, from the service of his said master he shall not absent himself but in all things and at all times he shall carry & be have himself good faithful apprentice ought during the time or time afore said

And the said William Dodge on his part doth hereby promise and agree to teach and instruct the said apprentice or cause him to be taught or instructed in the art trade or calling which shall be agreeable by the present overseers of the poor or their successors in office, that the said Dodge shall pay or cause to be paid the sum of one hundred dollars into the sd apprentice when he shall have arrived at the full period of twenty one years of age and it is understood that the sd apprentice is to have his choice whenever he shall have arrived at the time of his being the age of fourteen to choose the sum as mentioned of one hundred Dollars or a trade to be settled and agreed on as afore said the said Dodge on

his part further agrees to teach the sd Wyatt or cause him to be taught or instructed to read write and cypher as far as the rule of three if the sd apprentice be capable of larning and shall well & truly find and provide for the sd apprentice Wyatt good sufficient meat drink Clothing & lodging and other necessaries fit and conveanient for such an apprentice during the term afore said and at the expiration of his apprenticeship he shall be furnished with a suit of Cloathes in addition to his Common wearing apparel.
In witness where of the parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals this twentieth day of May one thousand eight hundred & eleven

Signed Sealed in presents of us.

John[a] Dodge		William Dodge	⊙
Jacob Symonds		Samuel Blanchard	⊙
Daniel Moulton	}	Richard Hood	⊙
James Cook.	} to Wm Dodge		
		William Brown	⊙

A True record Attest Paul Porter T Clerk.

March Meeting 1809.

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham Conveined on Tuesday the Seventh Day of March 1809 For the Purpos of Choosing Town Officers Raising money For the exegenses of the Town the Current year as by warrant may more fully appear

Samuel Blanchard Esq chosen moderator

Paul Porter Town Clerk.

John Baker Paul Porter Nehemiah Standly	Selectmen
Thom. Kimball	T. Treasurer
Cap Isaac Dodge Cap John Moulton	Constables

Wm Kimball Capt Paul Brown Obadiah Dodge	Tythingman.
Abraham Knowlton Richard Hood James Friend	Surveyors of Highways
Nicholas Dodge Jr. Thom Kimball	Surveyors of Fence
Stephen Cook Timothy Higgen	Hogrieves
Natha^{n} Potter Nicho^{l} Dodge Jr Richard Hood	Corders of Wood.
Enos Gallop Dea Wm Dodge Joshua Orne Jacob Dodge^{2} John Cleaves	Haywards
Capt E^{d} Batchelder	Sealer of Weights & Measures
John Hooker	Sealer of Leather
Jacob Dodge^{2}	Surveyor of Lumber
John T Dodge Wm Kimball Jacob Dodge Cap John Moulton Jacob Dodge^{2}	Fire wards.
Abrahm Dodge Isaac Porter Downing Gentlee	Fish Committee.

the above officers were sworn.

Money voted.

Voted for the Reverend Rufus Anderson $500.

2ly voted to pospone raising money for Schools till April Meeting Next.

3ly voted for the poor the current year 350.

4ly voted to Choose a Committee to inspect the Wyatts in the Town of Wenham & make a report att pril Meeting

5ly voted that Jacob Dodge Downing Gentlee Caleb Kimball & Daniel Kilham & Thom Kimball be a Committee For the above purpose

6ly voted to abate Timothy Higgin Tax for 1808

The privelage of ringing the Bell and Sweaping the Meeting House for one year next in suing Struck of to James Cook for Five Dollars & Twenty five Cents.

The Poor Let out by the Selectmen to James Cook.—Widow Perce @ $1.67/100 per week. To Joshua Orne Elesabath Meservey at 53/100 per Week.

To Stephen Cook. Elisabath Senter at 51/100 per Week.

To Oliver Dodge Widow Webber at 28/100 pr week.

To Cap. Isaac Dodge Johna Wyatt at $16 per one year.

The Clothing of the above Said Poor is to be made good at the years end.

Capt Isaac Dodge Collects al the Taxes in Wenham for 1809 for 1.14/100 on a Hundred Dollars.

The Pound was Lett to Thom Barns for the Lawful Feas.

Daniel Kilham
N. Elkins Esq } Overseers of the Poor
Jacob Dodge

Proposal communicated by the moderator to the Town of Wenham From the Rev R. Anderson.

Wenham March 7th 1809.

Sir I have proposed to remit in the parrish 50 Dollars in the following way *Twenty Five Dollars* to individuals who are not only in need, but have also Suffered on the year past by Sickness or in a Special manner by loss of property

and *Twenty Five Dollars* to the Parrish at Large to be Relinquished on the next assessment And it is to be distinctly undirstood that the reason of this Measure is the effect of the Embargo and an extraordinary Tax meeting in this town in the same year as will more fully appear by Said Letter on File.

Rufus Anderson.

Voted that S. Blanchard Esq be a Committee man To Return thanks in behalf of the Town to Rev. R. Anderson for his proposal to Said Town.

A. True record. Attest Paul Porter T. clerk.

April Meeting 1809.

Att. a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in Their votes for Governor Lut Governor and Senators Persurent To the Constitution and other Bisness as by warrant may more Fully Appear. It being on the first monday of April it being the Third Day 1809.

votes. Given in for the Hon Christopher Gore Esq for Governor — — — — — — — 64

Given in for the Hon Levi Lincoln Esq for Governor — — — — — — — — — 25

Given in for Hon David Cobb Esq for Lieut Governor — — — — — — — — 62

Given in for Hon Joseph B. Varnum Esq for Lieut Governor — — — — — — — — 25

Senators	votes	Senators	votes
Enoch Titcomb	62	Dr Daniel Kilham	24
John Heard	62	John Hathorne	25
John Phillips Jun	62	Thom^s Kittridge	25
Nath^a Thurston	62	Wm Pearson	25
Samuel Putnam	62	Capt Moses Little	25
Isrel Thorndike	62	John Prince	25
		Nathan B. Martin	1

I certify that on the 3^d Day of April 1809 John Baker Nehemiah Standly & Paul Porter the Select men of Wenham formally appeared before me and took the Oath required by

an act in addition to the several act regulating Elections passd the 24th Day of June 1806.

Samuel Blanchard
Justis of the peace

Then the Hon Timothy Pickering was Chosen Moderator to Govern Said Meeting
votes. Given in for Hon Stephen Choate Esq for
County Treasurer — — — — — — 51 votes
Given for Robart Farley Esq for
County Treasurer — — — — — — 17 Votes
4ly Thomas Kimball was Chosen overseer of Poor the year Currant.
5ly Voted 50 Dollars for the Support of the Poor in addition to 350 Dollars Raised at March Meeting.
6ly Voted 220 Dolars for School or Schools the Currant year
7ly voted 20 Dollars of the above sum be to support a School in the East part of the Town Called Little Comfort.
8ly voted 250 Dollars for to Repair the Highways the Currant year
Then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting Disolved and Accordingly it was Disolved A True Record.

Attest Paul Porter Town Clerk.

May Meeting 1809.

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of wenham Qualified to vote for Representatives Conveined on Friday the 12 Day of May at Four O clock afternoon at the Usual place of Holding Town Meetings for the purpose of seeing if the Town wood Chus a Meet Person to represent them at the General Court at Boston to be begun the last wednesday of May.
1ly It was put to vote to see if the town wood send a Representative and it past in the afermative.
2ly The Following vots were given in to the selectmen Viz
for Samll Blanchard Esq — — — — 30 Votes
for N. Elkins Esq. — — — — — 12 votes
Accordingly Saml Blanchard was chosen to Represent the Currant year

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk.

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